

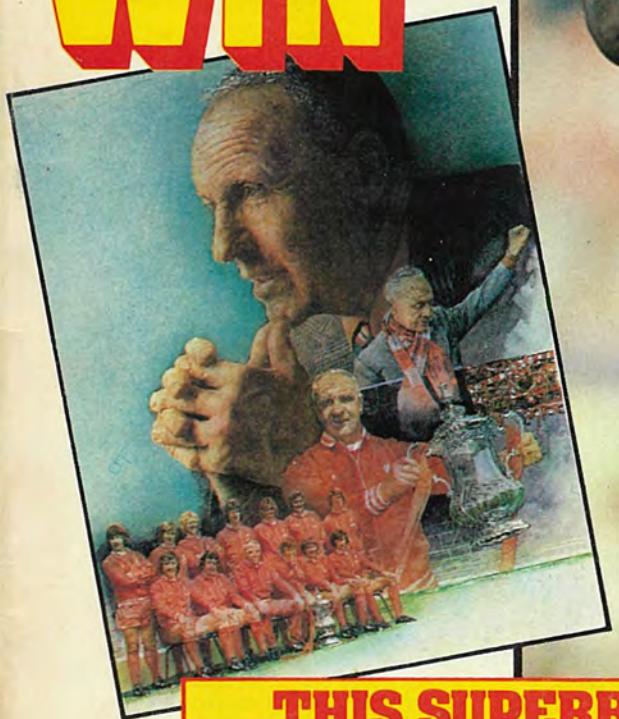
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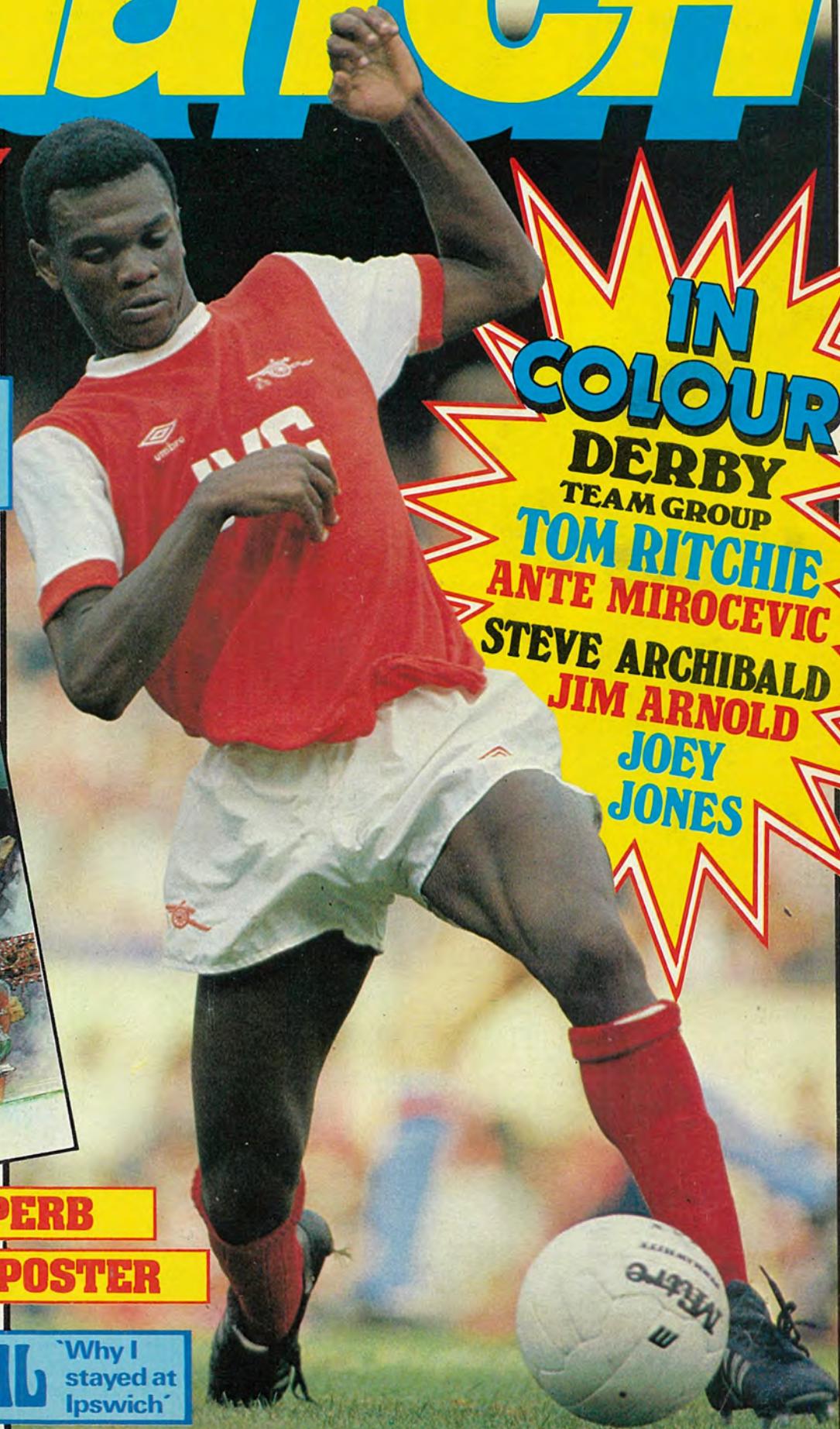


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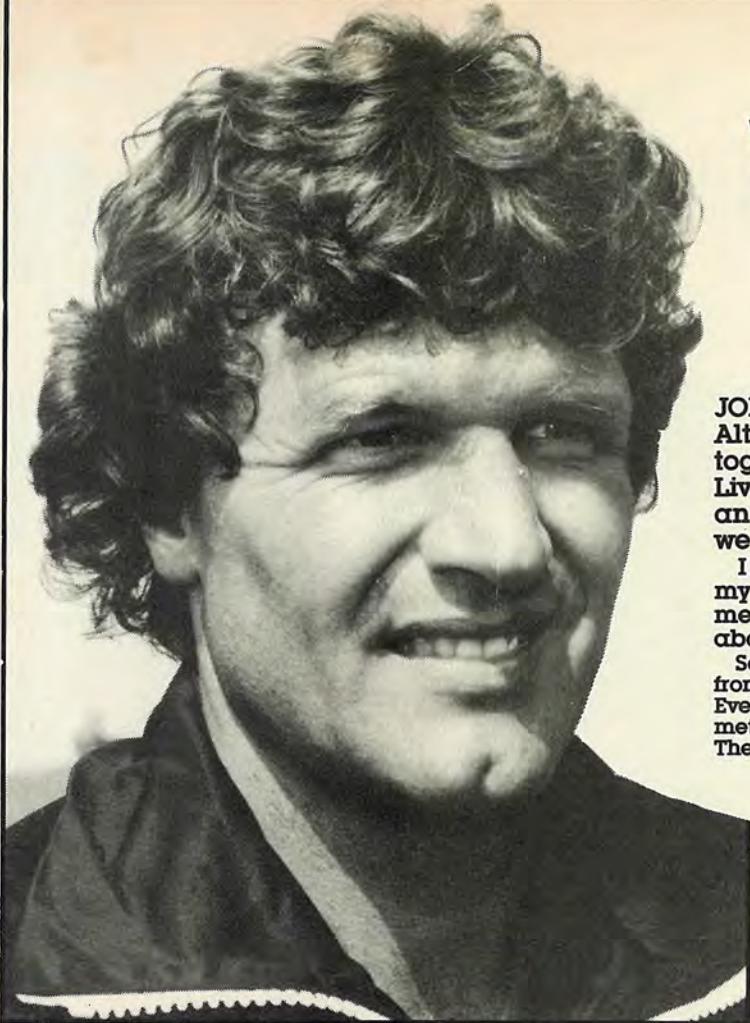
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FRONT COVER CAPTION:
Arsenal's young black
midfielder Paul Davis
bursts through with the
ball.



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JOHN TOSHACK is a mate of mine. Although we never hung around together a great deal in our Liverpool days, we had as good an understanding off the pitch as we did on it.

I like to think that if he ever wants my help, he will not hesitate to call me. And I think he would say the same about me.

So I was pleased to receive a 'phone call from my old striking partner on Christmas Eve... just four days before Southampton met his own high-flying Swansea side at The Dell.

Could I give him any information on the game? Was it likely to be on? What was the pitch like? How would it play on the day?

I was happy to tell him all I could, though with the weather being so unpredictable, that wasn't too much.

It was a particularly important game for the Saints. The weather had put us out of action since our 2-0 home defeat by Brighton — one of the worst games I have ever played in.

After playing so well to win 3-2 against Manchester United in a superb game at The Dell, we all seemed to choose the same game to be off-form.

Brighton's attitude didn't help us. Judging by their record, they are not so effective at home when the onus is on them to come out and do something. That's not sour grapes — they deserved to win.

But after that performance, it was important that we got quickly back into our stride against Tosh's Swansea.

I thought it would be a good idea after all the snow if we had a short work-out on the pitch on the morning of the match.

It would give us the chance to get the feel of grass under our feet again, to get our touch back and get the feel of the ball.

The Boss and the other lads agreed so we went down to The Dell at 11am. John must have had the same idea because he and his lads were there as well!

We had a laugh and chat but little was said about the game. That came afterwards.

As it turned out, we beat them 3-1 and knocked them off the top of the table to go into second place ourselves behind Manchester City.

And as an added bonus for me, my two goals in the game took me on to 17 so far this season — overtaking my previous best of 15 set up when I was with Liverpool.

I might have surprised a few people at the start of the season when I stated in Match Weekly that this would be my best season for goals.

I wasn't being big-headed. I just knew that, for the first time in my career, I was to play as the main striker. Even though I was a prolific

Match off... but I wasn't unhappy

I CAN'T say that I was too disappointed by the cancellation of our Boxing Day fixture away to Aston Villa.

It would have involved travelling up to the Midlands on the afternoon of Christmas Day and that meant less time to celebrate with my family... and less Christmas pud!

We had my mum down from Doncaster and Jean's mum and dad up from the West Country and it was great to spend a quiet time with everyone at my Hampshire home.

My daughter, Laura Jane, is three now and just the right age for Father Christmas. Watching her open her presents I got that special feeling that is just not there when there are two of you.

Before the big day, Southampton's team visited a home for handicapped children and also the Southampton General Hospital



Above: Kevin and Laura... a special Christmas.

to cheer up those kids who wouldn't be home for Christmas.

This is one of the best parts of being a player. It is important that we all give something back. Doctors have told me lots of times: 'You have done more for that child than I could.'

DYING SWANS!

Tosh's boys will finish
in the top six, says

KEVIN KEEGAN

scorer at Liverpool, Tosh was the real target man and I spent a lot of time getting wide.

This is the first time I have really HAD to finish. It's my responsibility and I'm enjoying it. I didn't realise just how good I was at scoring goals.

I'm not setting targets, but at this stage I'm on course for 30 this season and that would be a hell of an achievement in today's football.

Tosh was very down about his team's performance after our game with Swansea, and told me it could have been 7-1. I didn't see it that way. If they had scored to go 2-1 up instead of us, it may well have been different.

I wrote in Match Weekly shortly after the start of the season that I was glad Saints didn't play them until after Christmas, by which time they may have lost some of their early season momentum.

I was wrong. They haven't faded and I don't think they will. I can see them in the top six at the end of the season.

King John

King John, as they call Tosh in Swansea, has already achieved tremendous things with his club. But the great thing is that he wants and expects more. He is striving for perfection. If I was his managing director, I'd certainly be a happy man.

I'm very impressed with his current side. They look tremendous going forward, with good front runners and midfield men ready to go at people.

Tosh seems to be a bit of a gambler and is ready to play it very positively. Maybe he was a little TOO positive against us on a day when we played very well.

He did the same at Ipswich and Swansea deservedly won the game, but if his side has a problem then it may be in defending.

Swansea are so similar to Saints in many ways. Like us, they love to get forward and because of that they let in goals (the defensive records of the two sides are among the worst in the First Division).

Like us, they are hard to beat at home. And like us, the bigger the team they meet, the better they play.

It's good to see teams like ours up there battling — and you can't rule us out for the title. At the latest odds of 10-1, Saints are certainly worth a flutter. We have just got to hang in there with the leaders for now to give ourselves a chance at the end of the season.

Ipswich are 2-1 favourites and I agree with the bookies on that one, though the fact that Liverpool are priced higher than Saints at 9-1, despite their mid-table position shows that the bookies, like everyone else in the game, are still scared of Bob Paisley's men.

We have all been waiting for them to explode, but I think it is a bit too late this time. Liverpool are rebuilding on a scale they have never had to before.

In the past, they have replaced two players at a time, but just look at the new faces in the current side.

Rush and Craig Johnston are playing together up front for the first time. Both have great potential but they need experience and time to adjust to each other.

Ronnie Whelan shows great promise in midfield, though he looks better with experienced players around him.

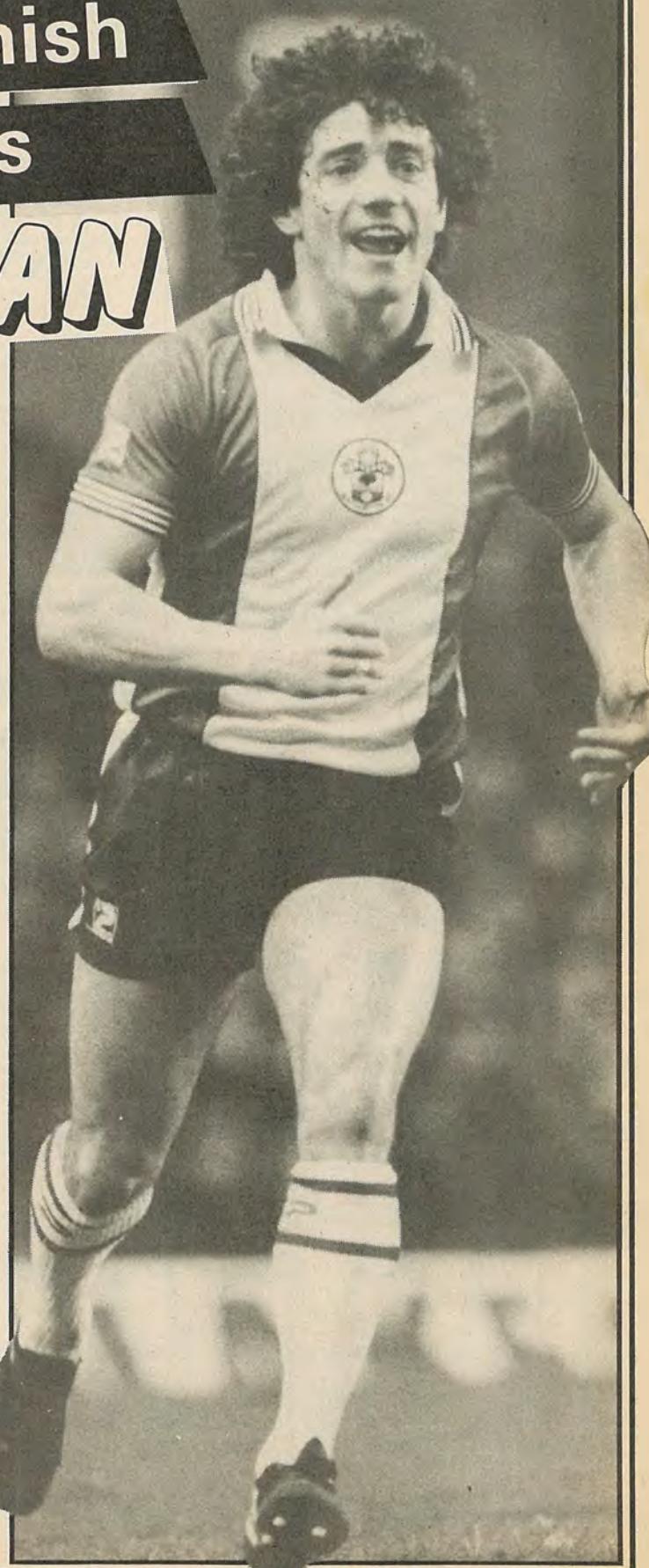
And in goal, Bruce Grobbelaar needs more matches under his belt to give him the confidence to match his ability.

Bruce is better than he has looked. If he has one fault it is that he wants to play TOO much. He is coming for balls that are probably better left alone.

There's been a lot of talk about my future at The Dell recently and I'm happy to say that's it's been resolved.

I will be starting next season as a Southampton player and nothing could please me more. I've really enjoyed my spell here and I'm looking forward to staying on the South coast.

● Kevin Keegan was talking to Melvyn Bagnall.



Pen pals

I'M 15-years-old and support Leeds, although living in London I regularly visit Upton Park and Selhurst Park. My other hobbies include tennis and I like music — especially Police and Stranglers.

Paul Fernandez, 38 Cheshire Close, Pollards Hill, Mitcham, Surrey.

I'M a member of Torquay United Supporters Club but also support West Brom and Arsenal. Martin Cuss (8), 1 Avon Road, Shipway, Torquay.

I'D like a pen pal between the ages of 10 and 13. I support Celtic but I don't mind who my pen pal follows.

John Cameron, 37 Arbroath Grove, Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

I'M an Ipswich supporter and would like to write to someone who supports any other First Division club and with whom I can swap programmes, pennants and posters.

Philip Levett, The Cottage, Upper Green, Stoke-by-Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk.

COLLECTING autographs, stamp collecting and pop music are my interests. I'd like a pen pal who supports Coventry. Amanda Goddard (13), 14 Fielding Close, Walsgrave, Coventry.

I FOLLOW Leeds and would like a penfriend aged between 16 and 18. I also enjoy pop music and most other sports.

Peter Wainwright (17), 4 Ashford Road, Wellesley Park, Wellington, Somerset TA21 8QF.

MADNESS and Blondie are my favourite pop groups and Manchester United my top team. Suzanne Tsang (14), 2 Derwent Drive, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, Sussex.

I'D like a pen pal who supports Liverpool and likes badminton, table tennis and stamp collecting. Nicholas Browning, 7 Swallow Park, Thornbury, Bristol, Avon.

Ron's a hot prospect...

RON Whelan, Liverpool's Republic of Ireland international, has been named Robinson's Barley Water 'Young Player of the Month' for November.

North West area panellist Joe Mercer said: "Ron has all the basic qualities to become a fixture in the Anfield side."

"He has pace, balance, close control, two good feet and good vision — he's a very, very good prospect."

England manager Ron Greenwood added: "I've been very impressed by him and I know he's well respected at Liverpool by Bob Paisley."

"He was outstanding in an under-21 international against England at Anfield — he's one of the very promising young players that Eire seems to unearth all the time."

The area selections were: North East — Kenny Wharton (Newcastle); Yorkshire — Ian Banks (Barnsley); Midlands — Danny Thomas (Coventry); London and South — Kevin O'Callaghan (Ipswich); Wales and West — Tarki Micallef — (Cardiff).



TAYLOR'S UNLUCKY BREAK

FORMER England winger Peter Taylor looks like being out of action for the rest of the season.

The Orient forward broke a leg playing for the reserves against Southampton just before Christmas.

Chelsea fans are banned

CHELSEA fans have been banned from attending away matches until the end of the season. This FA decision follows crowd disturbances at their Second Division match at Derby. Apart from the ban, Chelsea have to pay £1,000 to each of the home clubs as compensation for lost gate receipts.



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England leave it late . . .

ENGLAND may not arrive in Spain until three days before the opening match in Barcelona on June 13.

"We feel that is long enough to get acclimatised," says F.A. spokesman Glen Kirton.

England manager Ron Greenwood adds: "It's plenty of time. The first match in our group is not until June 16."

England are due to complete their preparations with a match in Finland on June 3, but the players will be given a few days at home before travelling to their headquarters near Bilbao.

Roger . . . and out

IT'S nearly seven years since a player managed to score five goals in a Football League match.

The last man to do so came from Derby's Roger Davies in a First Division clash with Luton in March, 1975.

Willie gets a head start!

WHAT a start for Nottingham Forest's new defender Willie Young.

After protracted transfer negotiations between Arsenal and Forest, the big Scottish defender marked his debut with a goal in Forest's 2-1 win at Swansea.

Willie headed home a John Robertson corner to put Forest level, and then Robertson clinched the points with a last minute penalty.

SPURS WILL MISS ARGENTINE ACES

TOTTENHAM could be releasing Argentinian stars Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricky Villa at the beginning of April so they can prepare for their country's defence of the World Cup.

It could mean they miss the last 14 games of the season, which would be a blow should Tottenham be in the running for the First Division Championship.

Manager Keith Burkinshaw says: "Originally Argentina manager Menotti wanted all his players together four months before the finals. He wanted my players in early February.

"But he will allow us leeway, but I'd like an even longer stay of execution."

PIPPED ON PENALTIES

SHREWSBURY won through to the semi-finals of the League's new Group Cup competition after a penalty play-off with Bradford City.

After a 1-1 draw, Shrewsbury took the honours 4-3 on penalties to join Grimsby and Burnley in the semi-finals. Grimsby collected a 2-0 victory at Newport, while Burnley put out Watford 2-1.

In the semi-finals, to be played later this month, Grimsby entertain Shrewsbury while Burnley visit the winners of the Peterborough v Wimbledon tie.

VINCE SEEES THE LIGHT

CRYSTAL Palace forward Vince Hilaire has made up his mind to force his way into the England reckoning.

The 22-year-old was considered one of the black pearls of England's glittering future after winning Under 21 and 'B' international caps.

But Vince admits that he has wasted the last two years and that he intends to fight his way back into the limelight.

"I have watched all my former England colleagues like Glenn Hoddle, Graham Rix and Bryan Robson pass me by and make the England first team," says the midfield star.

"In the past, I have tended to blame managers for playing me out of position. But now I would play anywhere for Palace and England — right back to left wing — even though I am a natural attacking midfield player.

"I'm Palace through and through but I have wasted the last two years. Now I am going to stop standing still.

"I like a manager who lets you speak your mind — I have got that now at Palace in Steve Kember.

"I am going to play my hardest from now on and that can only be good for me, for Palace, and hopefully for England."



For ever and Everton

ARE Everton destined to retain the distinction of having had more First Division experience than any other club?

They've been in the First Division now for 77 seasons, with their nearest rivals being Aston Villa (70), Sunderland (65), Arsenal (64), Bolton (61) and Newcastle (59).

* From the altar to Anfield *
* IPSWICH and Scotland striker Alan Brazil spent the first day of his married life on the road to Liverpool. *
* Alan married local girl Jill Davis on the Sunday, and the following day travelled with Ipswich for the League Cup fourth round tie at Everton. *

AT THE DOUBLE

WHO'LL be the next new boy to score twice on his League debut?

Archie Stephens (Bristol Rovers) and Milton Graham (Bournemouth) have achieved it this season and they joined Paul Mariner (Ipswich), David Shearer (Middlesbrough), Neil Whatmore (Birmingham), Jeremy Charles (Swansea), Clive Allen and Ian Muir (QPR), Joe Waters (Grimsby), Tom Finney (Cambridge), Mike Kearney (Reading), Austin Hayes (Millwall) and Paul Hampshire (Aldershot) . . . who had all previously achieved that double.



QPR striker Clive Allen (left), in against Leicester's Tommy Williams. He scored twice on his debut.

Ups and downs of Grimsby . . .

AS a sort of soccer yo-yo, Grimsby must surely stand alone.

Over the years, they have changed their Football League grade 22 times! Yet, Arsenal haven't made a move for more than sixty years.

Johnston on the list

FORMER Scotland and West Brom winger Willie Johnston has been placed on the transfer list by Glasgow Rangers.

He was made available for transfer following talks with manager John Greig over his exclusion recently from the team.

BARNESLEY

NEXT week sees the Quarter-Finals of the League Cup with eight of the country's top teams bidding for that prized place in the last four.

And in this exclusive Match Weekly preview, top Scottish striker Andy Gray — Wolves' Wembley hero in the 1980 competition — takes a fascinating look at each tie.

THIS tie won't be as easy for Liverpool as many people imagine.

Norman Hunter and Allan Clarke before him have transformed the once-struggling Fourth Division side into a thoroughly professional outfit. They've done a great job and I've been impressed with what I've seen of them.

Obviously, promotion to the First Division is their target this season and this cup run is a bonus for them. But if they progress any further, it could affect their chances of going up.

Barnsley's man in form is Ronnie Glavin and I rate him as their best player. Liverpool will have to watch him very closely.

There's been a lot of talk about Liverpool being a spent force but I

FOREST FOR THE CHOP

TOTTENHAM are the cup side in form at the moment and the only way I can see Forest winning is if the Londoners become over-confident.

The FA Cup-holders are a team I've always admired. They've got flair, exciting players and love to attack.

The whole side — from goalkeeper Ray Clemence to right winger Tony Galvin — oozes class, and this season they've added a little more consistency to their game.

It's at the back where Spurs are supposed to be suspect but I believe the combination of Paul Miller and Graham Roberts is one of the best partnerships I've played against.

Forest, who've got a tremendous League Cup record over recent years, are undergoing a transition period as Brian Clough and Peter Taylor continue their rebuilding process.

But the trio I believe are the mainstays of the side were in the team when Forest were at the height of their success — Peter Shilton, Viv Anderson and winger John Robertson.

They've been there longer than anyone else and I'm sure their experience is going to help the youngsters.

Below: Andy Gray on his way to scoring the goal which brought Wolves League Cup victory over Nottingham Forest in the 1980 Final.

SPURS v FOREST

Up front, Forest haven't found a settled striking duo as they've chopped and changed Justin Fashanu, Ian Wallace and Peter Ward.

PREDICTION: Spurs 2 Nottingham Forest 0

SPURS

Second Round

Man. Utd (h) 1-0 (Archibald)
Man. Utd (a) 1-0 (Hazzard)

Third Round

Wrexham (h) 2-0 (Hughton, Hoddle)

Fourth Round

Fulham (h) 1-0 (Hazzard)

FOREST

Second Round

Birmingham (a) 3-2 (Wallace 2, Proctor)
Birmingham (h) 2-1 (Needham, Robertson)

Third Round

Blackburn (a) 1-0 (Fashanu)

Fourth Round

Tranmere (h) 2-0 (Rober, Wallace)

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WILL KOP IT!

Liverpool skipper Phil Thompson holds the League Cup aloft after the Final defeat of West Ham last year. Whose turn will it be this season?

LIVERPOOL v BARNSLEY

don't believe it. It's very difficult for a team to stay at the top for 20 years. Every side goes through a bad patch and I know they'll bounce back.

The European Champions play as a team. They don't have a lot of flair or rely on the skills of one particular individual. Everything is based on teamwork.

Having said that, the four

players I think are the real links are Alan Hansen, Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness and Terry McDermott. When they're playing well, Liverpool are winning.

As holders of the trophy, Liverpool will be determined to retain it and I can't see them going down at Anfield.

PREDICTION: Liverpool 2
Barnsley 0

LIVERPOOL

Second Round
Exeter (h) 5-0 (Rush 2, McDermott, Dalglish, Whelan)
Exeter (a) 6-0 (Rush 2, Neal Dalglish, Sheedy, own goal)

Third Round
Middlesbrough (h) 4-1 (Rush, Sheedy, Johnson 2)

Fourth Round
Arsenal (a) 0-0
Arsenal (h) 3-0 (Dalglish, McDermott pen, Johnson)

BARNSLEY

First Round
Peterborough (a) 3-2 (Glavin 2, Joyce)
Peterborough (h) 6-0 (Glavin 2, Parker 2, Aylott, Barrowclough)

Second Round
Swansea (h) 2-0 (Riley, Evans)
Swansea (a) 3-2 (Glavin, Cooper)

Third Round
Brighton (h) 4-1 (Aylott 2, Glavin, McCarthy)

Fourth Round
Man. City (h) 1-0 (Aylott)

WOLVES know a fair bit about the cup capabilities of Second Division Watford. We've met them twice in the last two years.

Our score stands at 1-1 and I can assure Ipswich that they'll find Graham Taylor's promotion hopefuls a very tough nut to crack.

Ipswich are up and down at the moment. They've strung some very good performances together and then disappointed. But they have an impressive central defensive partnership in Russell Osman and Terry Butcher, and are well in the title race.

With home advantage, it's difficult to see them losing, although they were held to a 1-1 draw at Portman Road by Fourth Division Bradford earlier this season.

PREDICTION: Ipswich 3 Watford 1

Right: Ipswich defender Russell Osman — "His partnership with Terry Butcher has always impressed me," says Andy Gray.

IPSWICH

Second Round
Leeds (a) 1-0 (Gates)
Leeds (h) 3-0 (Gates, Mariner, Steggles)

Third Round
Bradford (h) 1-1 (Wark)
Bradford (a) 3-2 (O'Callaghan, Muhren, Turner)

Fourth Round
Everton (a) 3-2 (Gates, Brazil, Wark)

WATFORD

Second Round

Grimsby (a) 1-0
Grimsby (h) 3-1 (Jenkins 2, Blissett)

Third Round
Lincoln (h) 2-2 (Jackett, Blissett pen)
Lincoln (a) 3-2 (Terry, Pritchett, Rostron)

Fourth Round
QPR (h) 4-1 (Taylor 2, Armstrong, Blissett)

IPSWICH v WATFORD



League Cup form

HERE'S the League Cup record of this season's last eight who've reached the fifth round:

ASTON VILLA: Winners 1960-61; 1974-75; 1976-77. Finalists 1962-63; 1970-71. Semi-finalists 1964-65; 1971-72. Fifth round 1965-66.
WEST BROM: Winners 1965-66. Finalists 1966-67; 1969-70. Fifth round: 1980-81.

IPSWICH: Fifth round 1965-66; 1974-75.

SPURS: Winners 1970-71; 1972-73. Semi-finalists 1968-69; 1975-76. Fifth round 1980-81.

LIVERPOOL: Winners 1980-81; Finalists 1977-78; Semi-finalists 1979-80. Fifth round 1972-73; 1973-74.

FOREST: Winners 1977-78; 1978-79. Runners-up 1979-80.

WATFORD: Semi-finalists 1978-79. Fifth round: 1980-81.

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It could be a classic

RONNIE Allen's side are the best team I've played against this season.

West Brom beat us 3-0 at The Hawthorns and, to be honest, the scoreline flattered us. It was men against boys.

After a difficult start to the season, when they lost Bryan Robson and Remi Moses to Manchester United, they've picked themselves up well and are now a force to be reckoned with.

The name on everyone's lips at the moment is that of their striker Cyrille Regis. He got two goals against us and he's looking very sharp indeed.

Villa are finding it difficult to come to terms with being League Champions. They haven't got the experience to cope with it.

Having said that, my old team still have players who can turn a game. Gary Shaw, Tony Morley and Gordon Cowans are a trio I rate very highly.

This match is one of the most exciting of

ASTON VILLA v. WEST BROM

So sharp . . . that's West Brom's Cyrille Regis as he blasts a shot past the challenge of Southampton's Colin Waldron.

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Villa Park and I believe it could take them two games before they make it to the last four.

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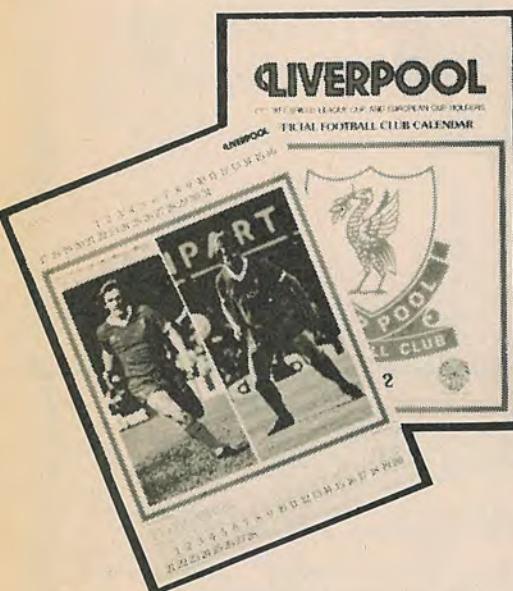
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HAPPY TO STAY

Ipswich and Scotland striker Alan Brazil reveals the true story behind his request for a move from Portman Road . . .

SCOTTISH striker Alan Brazil rocked Portman Road with a transfer request even though he never wanted to leave Ipswich.

Alan had everything to look forward to in Suffolk. He'd just married a local girl, moved into a new house and his club were well placed in the League Championship and League Cup.

And he admits: "I never wanted to leave. It was just a personality clash with coach Bobby Ferguson. I felt he was getting on to me.

"The matter really came to a head when we were beaten at Stoke. Bobby wanted me to play wide on the left for the last 20 minutes.

"I ignored his instructions because I felt I was getting somewhere playing alongside Paul Mariner.

"After that defeat, a lot of things came out in the heat of the moment and I felt I was getting stick for other members of the team."

Alan Brazil settles his differences with Ipswich

Alan says that his decision to slap in a request for a move wasn't a hasty one. "The whole thing had been building up for a couple of years," he told Match.

"I wasn't happy about having to play wide on the left. I'm not a winger. I felt there were other players in the team better equipped for the role.

"It would have been a big

wrench to have left the club. I've been here since I was a boy. I think of Portman Road as my second home.

"But I made my mind up that if I wasn't enjoying my game, it was better for me to go," said Alan.

"When I went to see the manager, he asked me what was happening. I don't think he realised what was going on. I'm glad he knows the situation now.

"He asked me to give it another try and I'm glad to do that. The manager said Bobby Ferguson was always singing my praises and had never complained about me."

Alan doesn't regret making his stand. He says: "I don't think I was hasty. If the same thing happened again, I don't think I'd act any differently.

"I think the whole thing came to a head because we weren't doing too well," he admitted.

Alan, who still has three years of a contract to run at Portman Road, has now put his troubles behind him and is set on helping Ipswich lift the First Division Championship and to earn himself a place in Scotland's World Cup squad.

"My World Cup hopes are dodgy," he admitted. "There are so many other good Scottish strikers around. I'm competing against the likes of Andy Gray, Kenny Dalglish, Paul Sturrock and Joe Jordan."

Alan has drifted out of the international scene after being capped twice in 1980 against

Portugal and Holland.

"Funnily enough, I thought last season was my best ever and yet I didn't get a look in," he added.

"The only way I can get back is to keep playing well with Ipswich and hope that Scottish manager Jock Stein selects me for the squad."

Alan believes that Ipswich Town's shock early exit in this season's UEFA Cup will boost their Championship hopes.

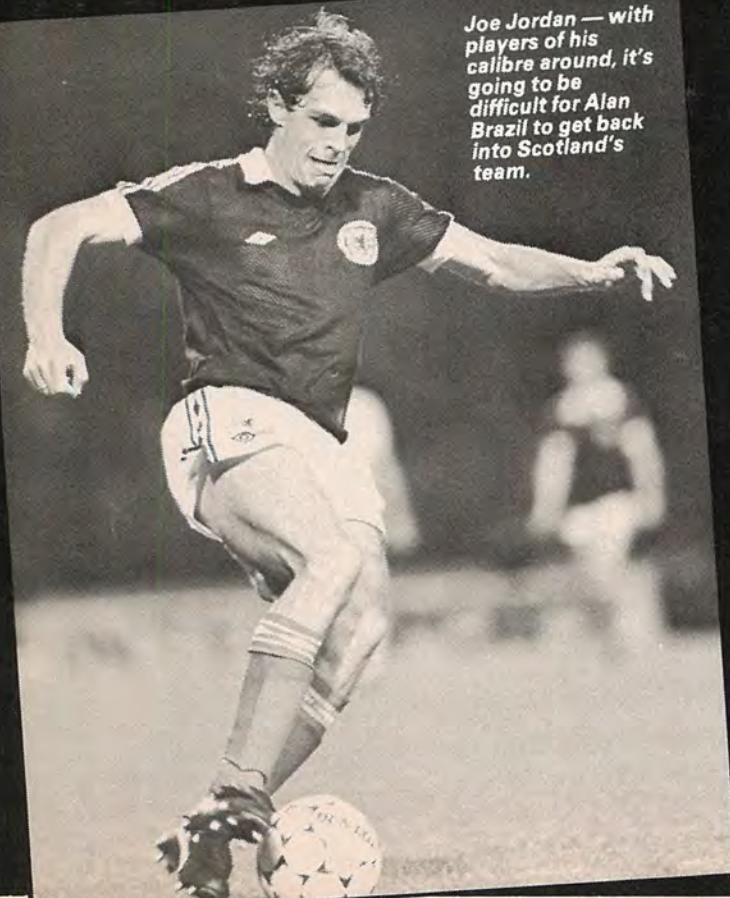
"There's no doubt our involvement in the FA and UEFA Cups hindered our title challenge last year but, as it turned out, we were glad of the European competition because it was the only one we ended up winning."

"The Championship is still up for grabs and we're well placed even though we haven't played as well as we can. There have only been a couple of times this season when we've shown our true form."

"Once again, we've been unlucky on the injury front. Myself, Paul Mariner, Eric Gates and Frans Thijssen have all been out this season."

But the saddest injury news to come from Portman Road this season has been the forced retirement of former England international Kevin Beattie.

"That's a tragic loss," said Alan. "We all knew it was on the cards because Kevin had been struggling all season to get his knee right. If he hadn't had such awful injury problems, he'd have won 99 England caps — not just nine".



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Despite their recent shock 3-2 defeat at home to strugglers Sunderland, City have shot up the First Division with a string of fine results following the return of England striker Trevor Francis . . . and that's meant value for money to the fans.

Meanwhile, Division One newcomers West Ham are still thrilling the fans even though they've slipped in the League.

Since we last published our chart, the First

Division programme has suffered badly from the Arctic conditions around the country.

But some teams have managed to play and one of the biggest jumps up our table has come from Champions Aston Villa.

Although they're struggling at the wrong end of Division One, they're still playing their part in providing entertaining games, according to our spies around the country.

And Brian Clough's new-look Nottingham Forest — including new signings Willie Young and German Jurgen Röber — have moved into fourth.

One of the best improvements of the month, however, has been Kevin Keegan's Southampton. As they've challenged for the leadership of Division One, they have bounced from 19th to sixth in our table.

With players like England international Trevor Francis (left) in the side, Manchester City are currently one of the most attractive teams in the country.

THE ENTERTAINERS

WHO'S SERVING UP THE BEST SOCCER THIS SEASON?

You can see at-a-glance from this exclusive Match Weekly entertainment table — compiled from the 'value-for-money' star rating guides in our Match Facts service.

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Scottish winger John Robertson — he's helped push Nottingham Forest up to fourth place in the Match Weekly entertainment table.

How they stand

	League position	Games	Goals	Entertainment Average
1 Man. City	7	18	24	2.9
2 West Ham	10	16	33	2.8
3 Swansea	1	19	30	2.8
4 Nott'm Forest	6	18	23	2.8
5 Aston Villa	17	18	22	2.8
6 Southampton	4	18	32	2.7
7 Stoke	15	18	23	2.7
8 Leeds	16	18	18	2.7
9 Ipswich	3	16	28	2.6
10 Spurs	5	17	26	2.6
11 Coventry	13	18	27	2.6
12 Birmingham	19	16	23	2.6
13 Brighton	8	18	24	2.5
14 West Brom	14	17	21	2.5
15 Man. Utd	2	18	28	2.4
16 Everton	11	18	24	2.4
17 Liverpool	12	16	23	2.4
18 Wolves	18	18	11	2.3
19 Sunderland	21	19	16	2.3
20 Notts Co	20	17	24	2.3
21 Arsenal	9	16	15	2.1
22 Middlesbrough	22	18	16	2.0

● The table takes into account all League games up to and including those played on Saturday, Dec. 19.

STRUGGLING Sunderland looked doomed to another League defeat as they entered the last 10 minutes of their game at Manchester City.

Legs were tiring as they surged forward in search of the equaliser and manager Alan Durban decided it was time for fresh blood. So he brought on 17-year-old substitute Barry Venison.

His decision proved to be inspired for Barry had hardly stepped on the pitch when he set up the equaliser for Gary Rowell and, minutes later, he hit a superb winner past Joe Corrigan.

IT'S A VENISON CARVE-UP

Barry replaced right back Joe Hinnigan with the orders 'Get forward' ringing in his ears.

"I didn't think I was going to get on. Time was ticking away fast," said Barry.

But once on, the youngster was determined to do well and prove the manager was wrong to relegate him to the substitute's bench after 12 first team appearances on the trot.

"I was disappointed to be dropped but I hadn't been playing as well as I could," admitted Barry, who made his League debut earlier this season in the 2-0 defeat at Notts County.

Barry revealed that setting up the equaliser for Gary Rowell gave him more pleasure than his first ever League goal five minutes later.

"That was a very important one and I enjoyed it more than scoring myself," he said.

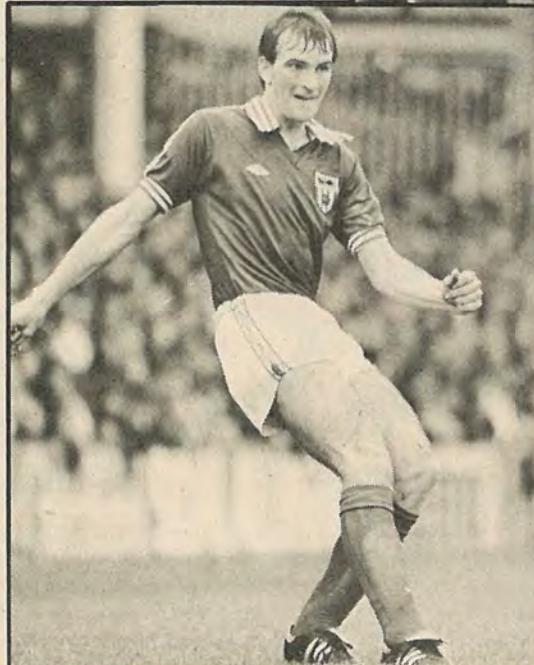
His own goal was a spectacular effort from just inside the box and snatched three priceless points from City's grasp.

"If the ball had fallen to my left foot I'd have never thought of having a crack at goal," he admitted. "With my left foot, the ball would have gone sailing out of the ground."

"It was a tremendous feeling seeing the ball in the back of the net. I've never experienced anything quite like it," said the Sunderland-born youngster who joined the club straight from school.

Sunderland's victory at Maine Road lifted the gloom surrounding Roker Park for it pushed them off the bottom of the First Division.

"The picture has brightened up for us with that result," said Barry. "And we've got a couple of matches coming up against fellow



strugglers. Those will be important ones to win.

"It's been a disappointing season for us, because we started so well," added Barry, who's normal role is in midfield.

"My favourite position is in the middle of the park. I love to go forward and have a crack at goal. There's no better sight than the ball heading goalwards."

Now Barry, who used to watch Sunderland from the terraces when he was young, wants to establish himself in the first team this season.

"I'd love to finish the season as a regular and help Sunderland do well," he says.



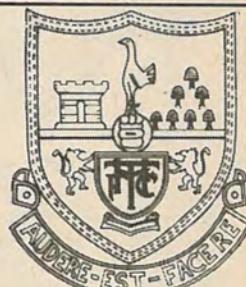
Top: Sunderland's 17-year-old

'Supersub' Barry Venison. He set up the equaliser and scored the winner when he came on ten minutes from time against Manchester City.

Above: Sunderland right back Joe Hinnigan. He was replaced by Barry Venison in the game against City at Maine Road.

Being thrown into a struggling side hasn't put any extra pressure on the youngster. "The other lads in the side have been great and helped me along."

"There's always pressure on any newcomer in a side because people expect a lot of you. They're always looking at you," he added.



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TOP TEN

HOW is your football knowledge? Find out by answering these ten questions. You'll find the answers on the opposite page (bottom right corner).

1 Which Sunderland striker went to Newcastle on loan this season?

2 Who put Everton out of this season's League Cup?



3 Who scored the goal which ended West Ham's hopes of a second successive League Cup Final?

4 Who scored Scotland's goal in their World Cup defeat in Portugal in November?

5 Who scored Rangers' League Cup Final winner against Dundee United?

6 Which French team did Dundee United defeat in the UEFA Cup this season?

7 Who is the new manager of Preston?

8 Who scored Northern Ireland's winner against Israel in the World Cup clincher in November?

9 Who put Aberdeen out of this season's UEFA Cup?

10 Who is the manager of Scottish Premier Division champions Celtic?

Left: Name this player and you have the answer to question no. 4.

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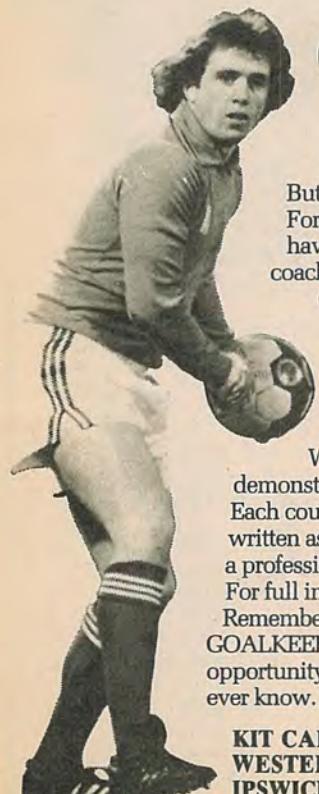
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- 3 Shanks' first European success was the UEFA Cup. Who did Liverpool beat in that final?
- 4 Who scored Liverpool's winning goal when they won the F.A. Cup for the first time in 1965?
- 5 Shanks quit after the 1974 FA Cup Final. Who did Liverpool beat that day?



6 Who scored two goals in that 1974 FA Cup Final win.

7 How many League Championships did Liverpool win under Shanks?

8 In what season did Shanks take Liverpool into Division One?

9 Liverpool finished runners-up in the 1965-66 European Cup Winners' Cup. Who beat them in the final?

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Across

1. He rejoined Notts County from Minnesota Kicks (6)
4. Alliance Premier League side which made a good start to this season (4)
9. One of WBA's signings this season (5,9)
10. A tender place to be kicked! (4)
11. & 21 across. England Youth international at Reading (4,4)
12. ---- McEwan, Blackpool midfielder (4)
14. Famous Scottish keeper ----- Simpson was first capped at the age of 36 whilst with Celtic; he had previously starred for Newcastle and Hibs (6)
17. Last season Steve ----- established a new appearances record for Cambridge (6)
18. ---- Schrijvers, famous Dutch international and long-time Ajax servant (4)
20. & 6 down. Former Chelsea, Stoke and Arsenal

International who played for Seattle Sounders in the summer (4,6)

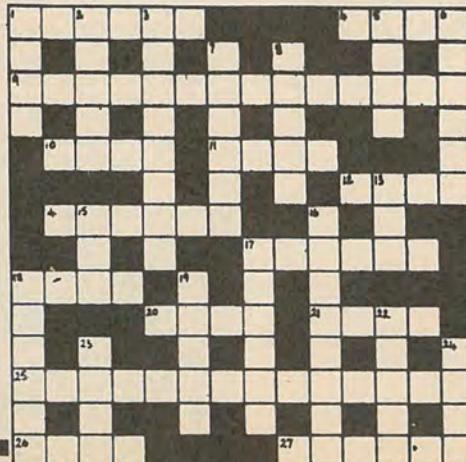
21. See 11 across
25. This Charlton forward appropriately includes one of the club's nicknames as part of his own name! (6,8)
26. The nickname of the League Cup holders (4)
27. England full-back who had a long career with Leeds and later played briefly for Bradford City (6)

Down

1. ---- Matthews, Wolves forward (4)
2. See 5 down
3. An alternative name for 'man-to-man' marking (3-2-3)
5. & 2 down. The manager of Stirling Albion who made news in November by actually *buying* a player — his first cash signing ever in 12 years! (4,5)
6. See 20 across
- 7 & 8. Alternative wear which teams put on to avoid

colour clashes (6,5)

13. & 15. Score by which England lost in all three defeats suffered in their World Cup group (3-3)
16. Swansea City's normal colours ... or Lincoln City's 7 & 8 down (3,5)
17. The manager of Notts County between Jimmy Sirrel's two spells there (6)
18. Defender who plays his 300th match for Wolves this season (6)
19. ---- Keeley, Blackburn defender (5)
22. Crystal Palace purchased him from Plymouth (5)
23. ---- Callaghan, Brentford's boss (4)
24. ---- Thorpe, Stockport County defender (4)



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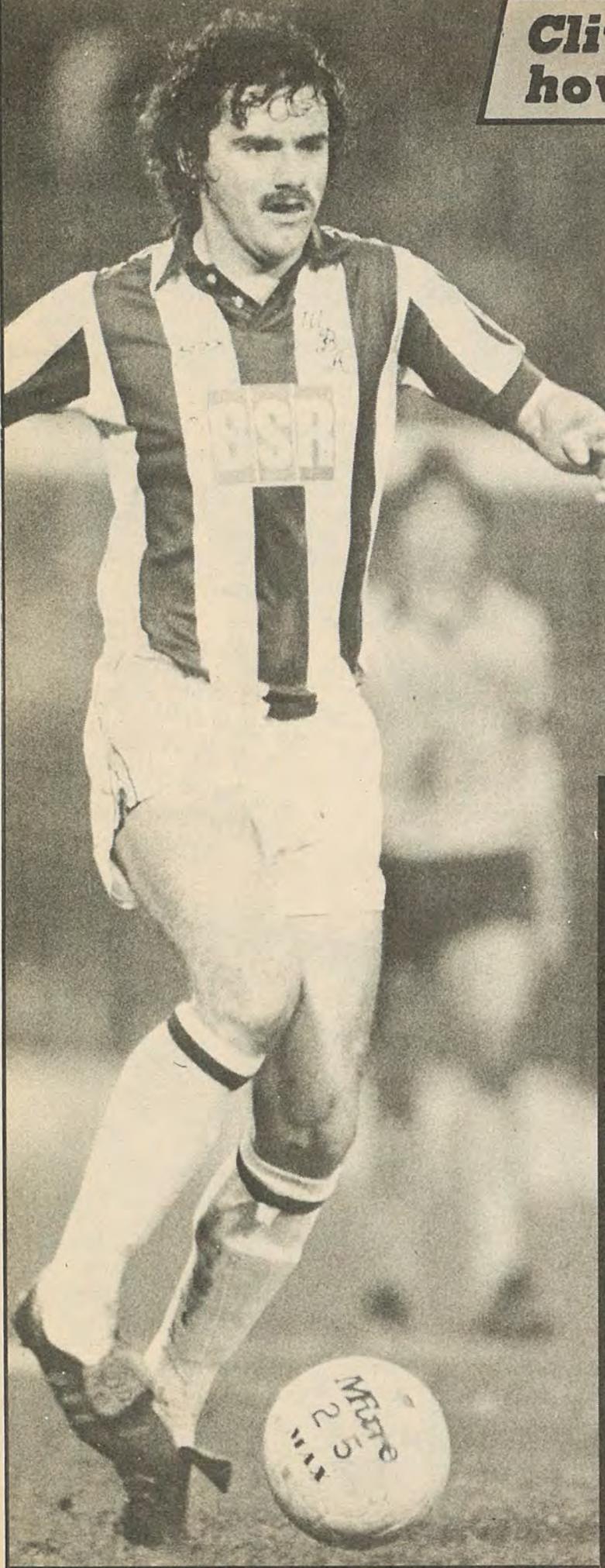
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**Clive Whitehead tells
how he was . . .**

LEFT TO ROT!

WEST BROM's £150,000 midfield signing Clive Whitehead tells Match of his six months of misery in Third Division Bristol City's reserves.

HARD-UP Bristol City were paying midfielder Clive Whitehead a reputed £500 a week to train with the youth team.

Clive, who joined West Brom in November, was relegated to the reserves and ordered to train with the youngsters for much of last season as City slumped into the Third Division.

The midfielder had signed a lucrative long-term contract at Ashton Gate when City were in the First Division and, as the club's fortunes slumped, it became obvious that their top stars would have to go.

"The manager wanted me out of the club because he couldn't afford to keep me," said Clive.

But instead of playing Clive in the first team and waiting for offers, Bob Houghton dropped his midfield star and he was out of the picture for six months.

"The club would have sold me much quicker if I'd have played in the first team. Training with the youngsters was very hard to take and those six months were frustrating.

"It was just a matter of gritting my teeth and hanging on hoping that a club would come in for me," said Clive, who joined City when he was 17.

Second Division Crystal Palace did come in with a bid earlier this season but Clive turned them down.

"I honestly thought I could get a better club and that's how it's turned out," added Clive.

"At the time, Bob Houghton said I lacked ambition by not joining Palace. He thought the move was a

good one for me and was upset when I refused their offer."

Despite upsetting his manager, Clive was recalled to the side in October and played the next six League games before his move to the Midlands.

"The manager was pressurised into recalling me by the directors and public opinion," said Clive.

"But now I'm thrilled by the way things have finally turned out. It's great to be associated with top class players again."

Clive is also pleased to be playing in an attack-minded side. He says: "At Bristol we played a defensive game. It's a pleasant change to be encouraged to go forward."

After a stuttering start to the season, new-look West Brom — minus Man. Utd. exiles Remi Moses and Bryan Robson — have started to climb up the table.

"I've been impressed by the way West Brom play and I'm sure we can achieve something in the next couple of seasons.

"But, at the moment, I want to establish myself in the side and play well consistently. I've got a lot of lost time to make up for.

"I feel I've fitted in quite well so far and I'm certainly enjoying my new role on the right-hand side of midfield."

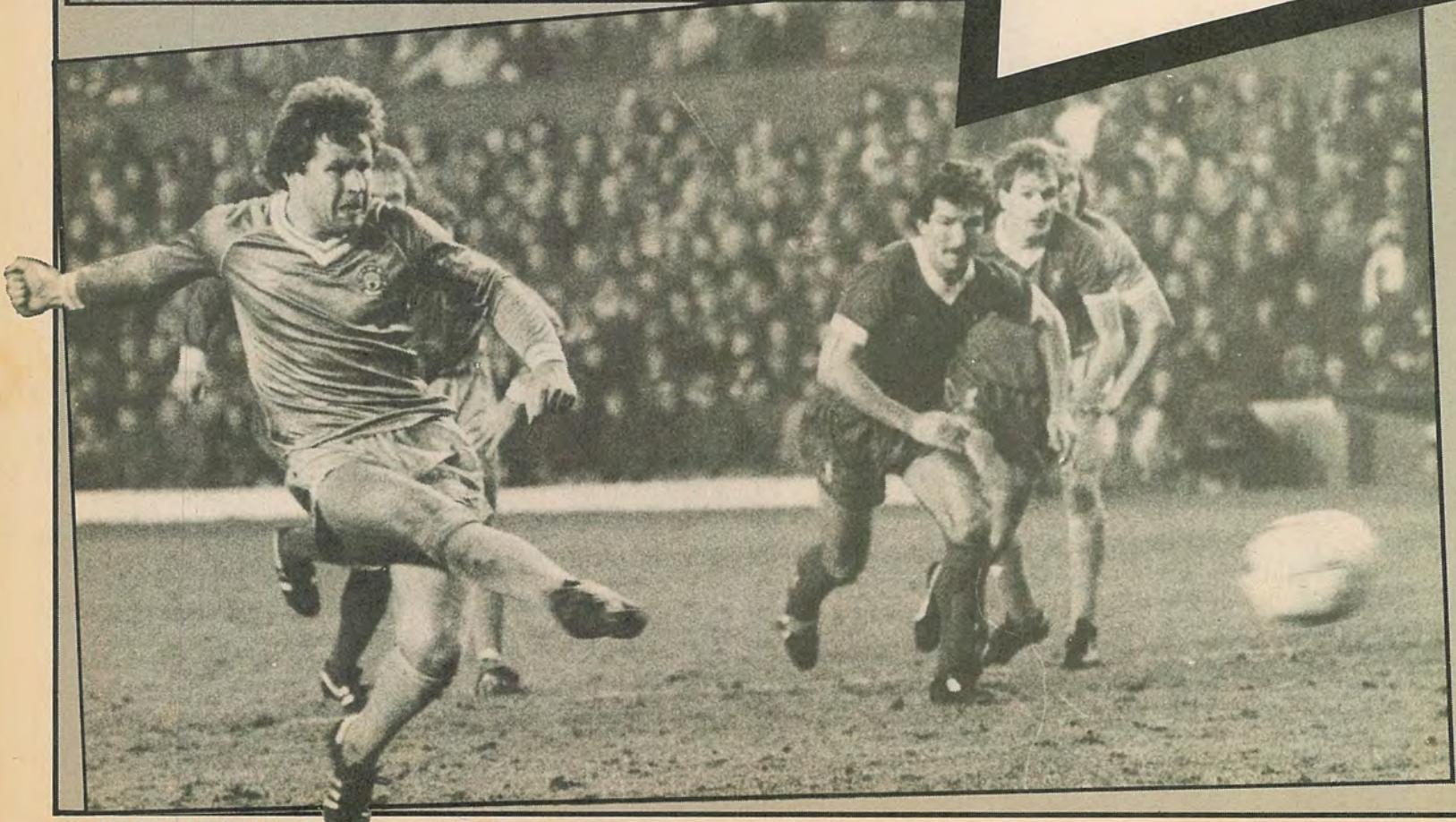
While Clive carves himself a new career in the First Division, his old team are battling against the prospect of dropping into the basement of the Football League.

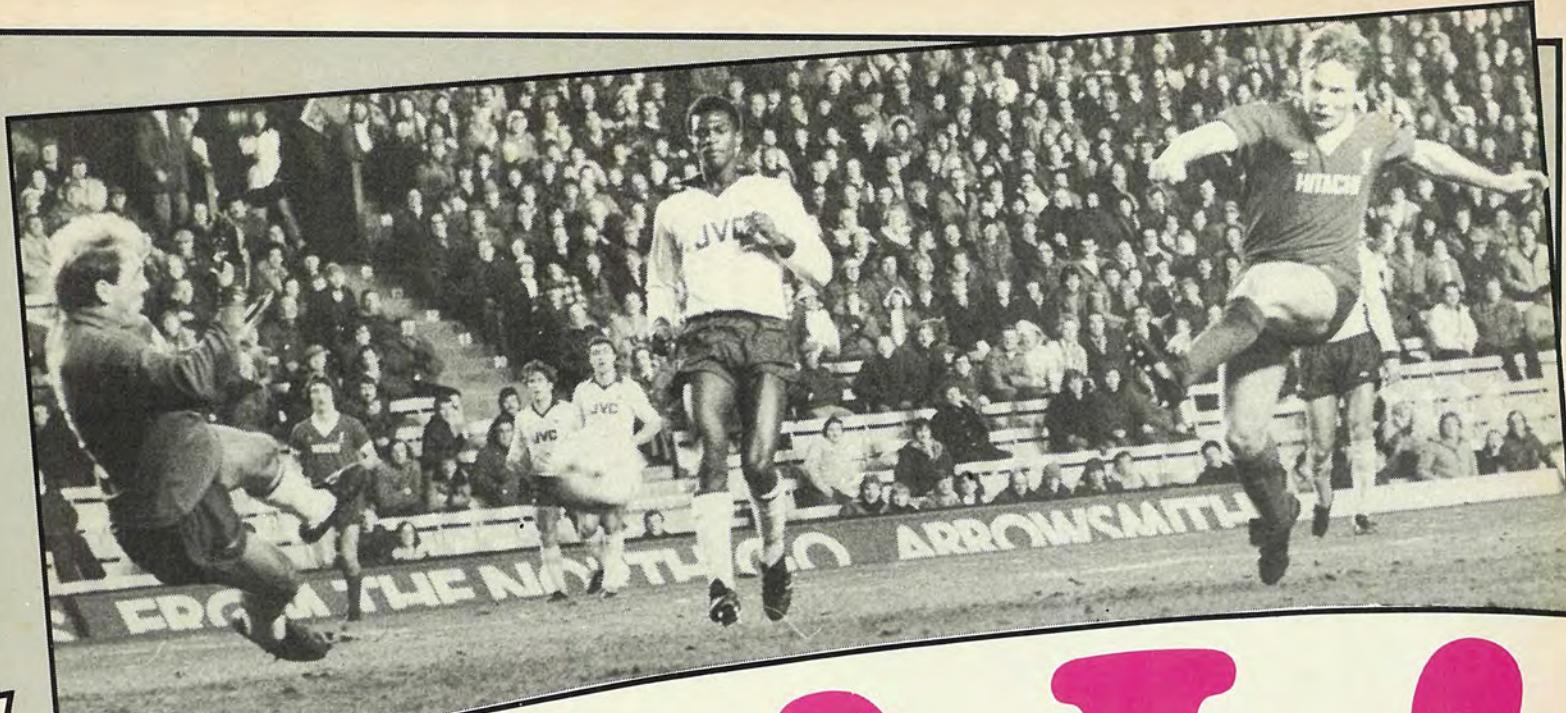
"Things look bleak. They're at the wrong end of the table and it saddens me to see them struggling."

"I just can't imagine a club like Bristol City in the Fourth Division."



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GOAL!

Top left: Everton skipper Mick Lyons rises above Aston Villa's Allan Evans to give the Goodison Park side the lead in their 2-0 win over the League Champions.

Top right: One that got away... Arsenal's reserve keeper George Wood is beaten by this fierce Sammy Lee cracker. But the midfielder's effort was in vain because the goal was ruled offside.

Left: Take that! Kevin Bond hammers in Manchester City's second goal past Bruce Grobbelaar from the penalty spot in their shock 3-1 win over Liverpool at Anfield.

Right: Spurs defender Graham Roberts beats Kevin Moran to head his side's second goal in their 3-1 League win over Manchester United at White Hart Lane.



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KICKED IN



I FELT as if I'd been kicked in the teeth after being rejected by Arsenal and England.

I was at the crossroads of my career. I'd lost faith in the game I loved when Lawrie McMenemy, manager of Second Division Southampton, bought me from Arsenal for £60,000 in December 1976.

For the second time in my life, I was forced to move. I didn't want to leave Everton but they sold me. Then it became clear that I didn't play any part in manager Terry Neill's plans.

Terry had taken over from Bertie Mee in close season and I didn't see eye to eye with the new manager. I didn't respect him.

I was offered to Leeds manager Jimmy Armfield and Terry even tried to palm me off with a Turkish club before Southampton came in for me.

Impression

Lawrie made such an impression on me that I felt as if I was signing for the manager and not the club.

I needed someone like Lawrie after being rejected twice in little over a year.

The end of my England career was very hard to take because I knew that, at 30, I was far from finished in the international arena.

The way in which the news was delivered was unbelievable. I got an unsigned letter from Don Revie telling me my England days were over.

The letter, from the FA headquarters in Lancaster Gate, said that QPR's Gerry Francis was taking over as captain and he thanked me for all I'd done for my country.

If I had to write such an important letter, I know I'd never leave it unsigned.

I was captain of England for six games — we won four and drew two. My last game as skipper was against Scotland and we

Liverpool striker David Johnson
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THE TEETH!

ALAN BALL

The fiery former England midfield dynamo continues his fascinating life-story... and it's EXCLUSIVE to Match! This week Alan talks of his bust-up with England and Arsenal and his move to The Dell.

hammered them 5-1 with goals from Gerry Francis (2), Kevin Beattie, Colin Bell and David Johnson.

During my short reign, we also beat Cyprus 5-0 at Wembley with Malcolm Macdonald scoring all the goals.

I felt that Don Revie had built up a very good side. Then suddenly he stopped picking the class players. Alan Hudson didn't last very long and Malcolm Macdonald was another who should have won more caps.

Don cut short my career at international level. I finished with 72 full caps and I know I

could have passed the 100 mark.

Don's reign in charge of the team did bring me one of the highspots of my career — captaining my country.

I'm a very patriotic person and being made skipper of England meant so much to me. I was so proud for my family.

My first game in charge was against our old rivals West Germany and we were really in a different class to them.

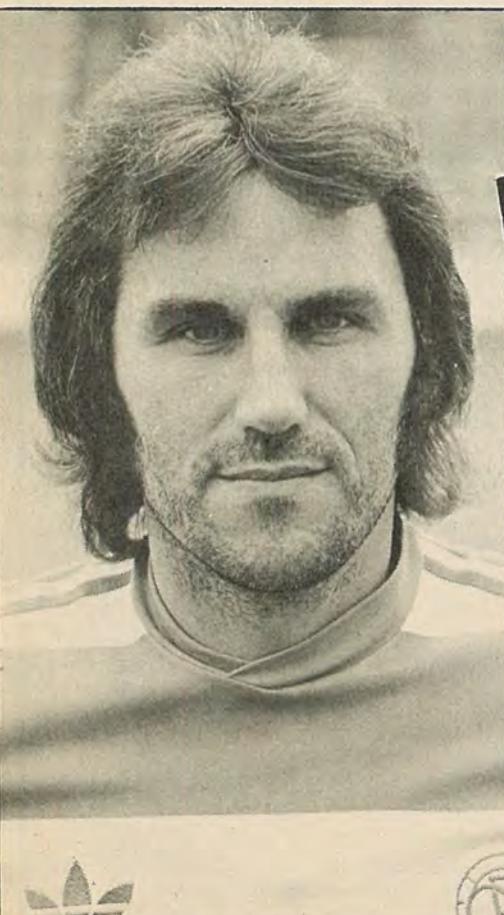
Colin Bell and Malcolm Macdonald were the goalscorers as we took the West Germans apart and beat them 2-0 at Wembley in front of a full house.

But just five games later, I found myself out of the England reckoning... forever.

● Alan Ball was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

NEXT WEEK... Promotion with Southampton... managerial problems at troubled Blackpool.

BALL OF FIRE



Queen's Park Rangers' midfield star Gerry Francis — he took my place as England captain.

SENT off! It's happened to me a few times in my career.

The most publicised was when I received my marching orders in Katowice during England's vital 1973 World Cup qualifier against Poland.

The incident is still clear in my mind. I remember seeing their number eight scuffling with Martin Peters on the ground.

I went in to hurt the Pole. The next thing I knew I was walking off the pitch. Afterwards I felt ashamed of what I'd done and I regretted my actions but, at the time, the game was the most important thing in my life.

But I don't regard myself as a troublemaker. I don't go out on to the pitch looking for trouble. I'm a fighter and a winner.

I can be as horrible as the person who is trying to stop me play the game. That's when the trouble usually flares up.

Creative football is my style — I'm no destroyer and I like to be able to express myself.

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I also think you should be sacked as a referee and replaced by my gran, as she could do a

better job! Nicholas Groome, Harpenden, Herts.

• YOU'RE right! Middlesbrough could win the championship very soon . . . they could be champions of Division Two in 1983 or champions of Division Three in 1984. And your gran probably knits together better than the present Middlesbrough team. You're off!

UNITED ARE SO ENTERTAINING

I'M outraged at your recent entertainment table in which you placed Manchester United in 16th position, below such teams as Stoke and Leeds.

United have been very entertaining under manager Ron Atkinson. They blasted five goals against both Wolves and Sunderland.

I think your table needs a change with United at the top. Nicholas Ellwood (13), Gillingham, Kent.

• SCORING five goals against Wolves hardly qualifies United for the title of "The Great Entertainers". They managed only 14 goals in their first nine home games this season. You're booked.

Scotland fans mean no harm!

I AM outraged by the amount of criticism Scotland supporters have received in recent years following their 1977 invasion of the Wembley pitch.

The invading fans meant no harm. They were merely celebrating a great victory.

Now, it seems, Scottish fans are being heavily penalised, including last year's ban on ticket sales in Scotland for the England v Scotland Home International match at Wembley.

S. Olukoya, Lagos, Nigeria.

• WHEN Scotland fans start celebrating, the safest place to be is in Africa! You're booked.

What about Johns?

I'M outraged because Ron Greenwood doesn't come to see a classy young goalkeeping prospect in Nicky Johns, of Charlton. Instead, he sticks with the same old men like Clemence and Shilton.

P. Goddard, Millwall, London.

• Goalkeepers are the least of Ron's worries. If Nicky's as good as you seem to think he is the England manager will know all about him. You're booked.



Charlton 'keeper Nicky Johns . . . a must for England, says P. Goddard of London.

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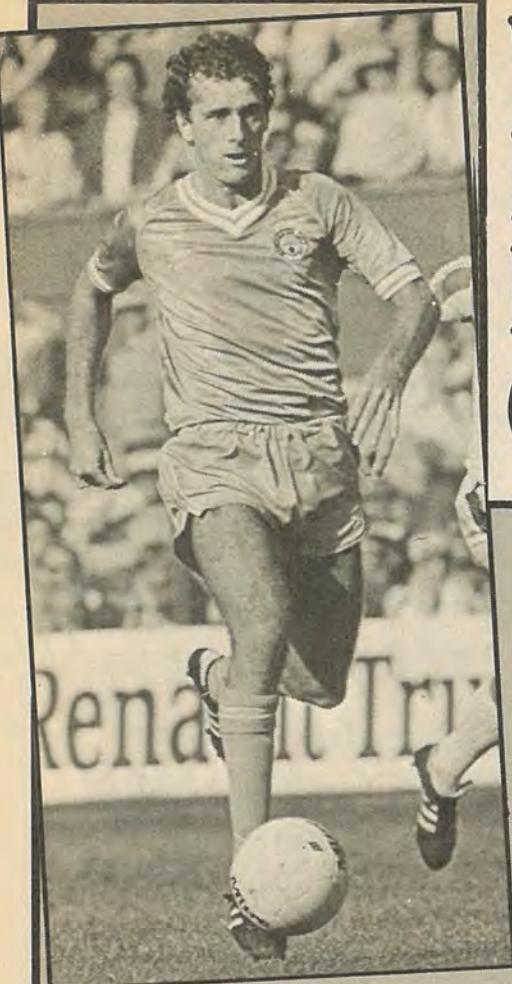
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Child's play at Palace

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My father doesn't like football but he is willing to take me to grounds where these stands exist.

Phillip Wallace (11), Burley, Surrey.

PROTECT KENNY

KENNY Dalglish is still a world class player. He makes goals as well as scores them. It's about time he was given more protection by referees. His great turning ability causes confusion in any defence and he is constantly being fouled. Kenny should be given a lot more free kicks.

Nick Shearer, Ringwood, Hants.

Arsenal show the way!

ARSENAL's climb up the First Division just goes to prove that you don't have to spend fortunes to achieve success.

Arsenal's recipe of combining experienced players like John Hollins and David O'Leary with their own talented youngsters, Chris Whyte and Paul Davis, has paid off and fully justifies manager Terry Neill's decision not to buy highly-priced stars.

Clubs like Manchester United should take a leaf out of Terry's book. That way, the ridiculous spiral in transfer fees will come to an end.

Paula Lindsay (14), Basildon, Essex.

Right: Arsenal defender David O'Leary. He's one of Highbury's home-grown stars.

WRONG TO RULE OUT KEEGAN CRACKER

ISN'T it about time the offside law was sorted out? Just when is a player "interfering with play."

In last season's League Cup final at Wembley, between West Ham and Liverpool, Sammy Lee was clearly lying in an offside position when Alan Kennedy scored but the goal was allowed to stand because Lee was ruled "not to be interfering with play."

In complete contrast, when Southampton played at home against Manchester United last month, Kevin Keegan scored a tremendous goal with a falling volley but the goal was ruled out because David Armstrong was in an offside position.

Armstrong couldn't have been interfering with play yet a truly remarkable goal wasn't allowed to stand. Let's have a much clearer offside rule.

Grant Reid, Dunbar, Scotland.

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Regional play-off

AS well as the usual cup competitions, why not have a three-way regional tournament between teams made up from players in different regions — i.e. North, Midlands and South.

My three teams would be: North — Corrigan (Man. City), Gidman (Man. Utd.), Gray F. (Leeds), Clarke (Sunderland), Lawrenson (Liverpool), Wilkins (Man. Utd.), Dalglish (Liverpool), Souness (Liverpool), Stapleton

Left: Trevor Francis, Manchester City's £1m striker, is included in George Kell's Northern team.

(Man. Utd.), Robson (Man. Utd.), Francis (Man. City).

Midlands — Shilton (Forest), Swain (Villa), Statham (W.B.A.), Evans (Villa), Dyson (Coventry), Hunt (Coventry), Gemmill (Birmingham), Mortimer (Villa), Gray (Wolves), Shaw (Villa), Robertson (Forest).

South — Clemence (Spurs), Stewart (West Ham), Sansom (Arsenal), Martin (West Ham), O'Leary (Arsenal), Keegan (Southampton), Falco (Spurs), Muhren (Ipswich), Robinson (Brighton), Hoddle (Spurs), Brazil (Ipswich).

George Kell, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

TERRACE TALK

Northern hospitality

I WAS disgusted by the way Arsenal fans booted their former player, Frank Stapleton, when he returned to Highbury this season in Manchester United colours.

In comparison, Manchester United's fans chanted "There's only one Mickey Thomas" when the former United player returned to Old Trafford in the Brighton side.

How's that for Northern hospitality!
P. Neal, Cleethorpes, South Humberside.



Experience wins World Cups

IN reply to Malcolm Carr's letter in Match Weekly suggesting that England manager Ron Greenwood should discard his older players in search of younger talent, I would like to say that England wouldn't be in this year's World Cup Finals if it wasn't for the sterling service given by the "old brigade".

Kevin Keegan, Trevor Brooking and Mick Mills all played brilliantly against Hungary to clinch England's qualification. And Phil Thompson didn't put a foot wrong all night.

Picking the veterans didn't hamper England in the 1966 World Cup Finals. Bobby Charlton and Nobby Stiles were vital players in England's glorious success.

If England plan to try out youngsters, Ron should play them in friendlies or the Home International Championship, not World Cup qualifiers.

But even so, Ron should not exclude players because of their age. Only with an experienced side will England stand a chance in Spain. Lee Burrows (11), Marlow, Bucks.

Who needs Kuwait?

THE whole system of World Cup qualification is unfair. Why should weak teams like Kuwait and Australia qualify for this year's finals in Spain when superior sides like Wales and Rumania miss out?

FIFA should recognise that the competition between European nations is much fiercer than between other groups and should adjust the qualifying groups accordingly.

That way, we will get the TOP teams in the World battling it out in the finals.

J. Myall, Caton, Lancaster.

Stratton on Saturday

Joy for Jurgen...

anguish for Archie

NEW Forest star Jurgen Rober comes face to face with the man he was bought to replace on Saturday.

The visit of Birmingham means a return to the City Ground for former Forest favourite Archie Gemmill.

And the fixture will give Forest boss Brian Clough the perfect opportunity to compare his new West German find with the Scottish midfield general who played such a big part in taking Forest to the top in Europe.

Just whether Rober is "the new Gemmill" remains to be seen.

Whatever the final verdict, I can't see a three point return for 'wee Archie' on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Ipswich entertain Manchester United at Portman Road in a match which I forecast will confirm the East Anglian club's superior chance of lifting the League Championship trophy.

Like a class horse in a big race, Ipswich have been tucked in nicely behind the early pacemakers with plenty in hand.

And they can make up ground in the shape of three points on Saturday.

Pictured left is my special guest opponent this week — 14-year-old Paul McCormick of Glasgow. Paul supports Celtic and West Ham.

The big match in London is undoubtedly West Ham versus Spurs at Upton Park.

Tottenham fans are still smarting from Hammers' 4-0 League victory at White Hart Lane earlier this season.

It may not be so easy for West Ham on Saturday, but I'm still taking them to land the double over their cockney rivals.

My special guest opponent this week is Match reader Paul McCormick of Glasgow and you can see his predictions alongside mine in the special panel.

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West Ham v Spurs	2-0	1-1		
Blackburn v Charlton	2-1	2-1		
Chelsea v Cardiff	3-0	1-1		
Bristol R. v Chesterfield	1-2	0-2		
Doncaster v Bristol C.	2-0	2-1		
Bury v Hereford	4-1	2-0		
Port Vale v Darlington	3-1	2-1		
Rangers v Celtic	2-1	1-2		

WHO WON THIS WEEK?

POINTS SCORED

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YOURSELF _____

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FIXTURES

Saturday, Jan. 9

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Aston Villa v Sund'land.....

Coventry v Notts Co

Everton v So'ton

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Man. City v Stoke

Middlesbro' v Brighton

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Swansea v W.B.A.....

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DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Norwich.....

Blackburn v Charlton

Chelsea v Cardiff

C. Palace v Sheff. W.

Derby v Shrewsbury

Grimsby v Orient

Luton v Q.P.R.

Newcastle v Bolton

Oldham v Watford

Rotherham v Cambridge

Wrexham v Leicester

DIVISION THREE

Bristol R. v Chesterfield.....

Carlisle v Exeter

Doncaster v Bristol C.

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Gillingham v Reading

Hudd'sld v Oxford

Millwall v Wimbledon

Newport v Southend

Plymouth v Burnley

Portsmouth v Preston

Walsall v Brentford

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Aldershot v Stockport

Blackpool v Scunthorpe

Bradford v Hull

Bury v Hereford

Hartlepool v Rochdale

Northampton v York

Peterborough v Halifax

Port Vale v Darlington

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Coventry

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CHILDREN: None.
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TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Whit'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Knee ligaments, 1979-80 season.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Trevor Brooking ... he has skill and class.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: West Ham.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Diego Maradona ... for his speed and skill.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Parkes, Swain, Sansom, Hoddle (England), McQueen (Scotland), Bonds (England), Best (N. Ireland), Brooking, Hurst, Peters, Francis (England).
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Parkes, Swain, Sansom, Cruyff (Holland), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Bonds, Best, Bettiga (Italy), Pele (Brazil), Maradona, Kempes (Argentina).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Upton Park.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Borussia Dortmund.
BEST GOAL SCORED: My first goal of this season against Manchester United.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All of them.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: That game against Manchester United in August when we won 2-1.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not getting into Coventry's first team sooner.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, snooker, swimming.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Scoring goals, winning, driving.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Ignorant people, shaving, losing.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Not the Nine O'Clock News, sports programmes.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Political programmes.
FAVOURITE READING: Sports magazines.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Helen Reddy, Madness.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Pie and mash.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Tea, lager.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Hong Kong.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Victoria Principal.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Death Wish.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Parents and Colin Dobson.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Losing and injuries.
SUPERSTITIONS: Last person to go out onto the pitch, putting on left boot first.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be a good golfer.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To establish myself in the First Division.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Hope to go into business.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Martin Singleton (Coventry).
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Seve Ballesteros.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Believe in your own ability.

Steve Whittton



ZICO UNDER FIRE!

Zico (arm raised) is congratulated by Socrates (left) and Edevaldo (right) after scoring against England at Wembley.

BRAZIL manager Tele Santana has warned star striker Zico that he cannot be guaranteed a place in the team for the World Cup Finals in Spain.

He's not too happy with the work-rate displayed by Zico and one or two other regular members of the Brazilian squad.

"We did very well during our European tour, but there were periods during the matches when only half of the team worked hard while the others were taking a rest," says Tele.

"We cannot have such luxury in the World Cup Finals and I shall select a squad who will give me ninety minutes in every match.

"And that includes Zico. He must realise he is not indispensable and that scoring goals is not his only job.

"Between now and next summer I shall watch his contribution to the team very carefully — and he could find himself out of the team."

Milestone for Junior

BRAZIL'S latest explosive free-kick expert, Junior, recently achieved a personal milestone when he played his 500th game for his club side Flamengo.

Junior's career shows that he has averaged 71 first team appearances a year for Flamengo, and he has also picked up 30 international caps.

WORLD CUP

Setback for Cunningham

NOTHING is going right for Real Madrid's England international winger Laurie Cunningham.

The former West Brom forward was admitted to hospital for a cartilage operation just hours before his planned comeback.

Laurie has been out of action all season with a serious tendon injury, and now he faces another spell on the sidelines.

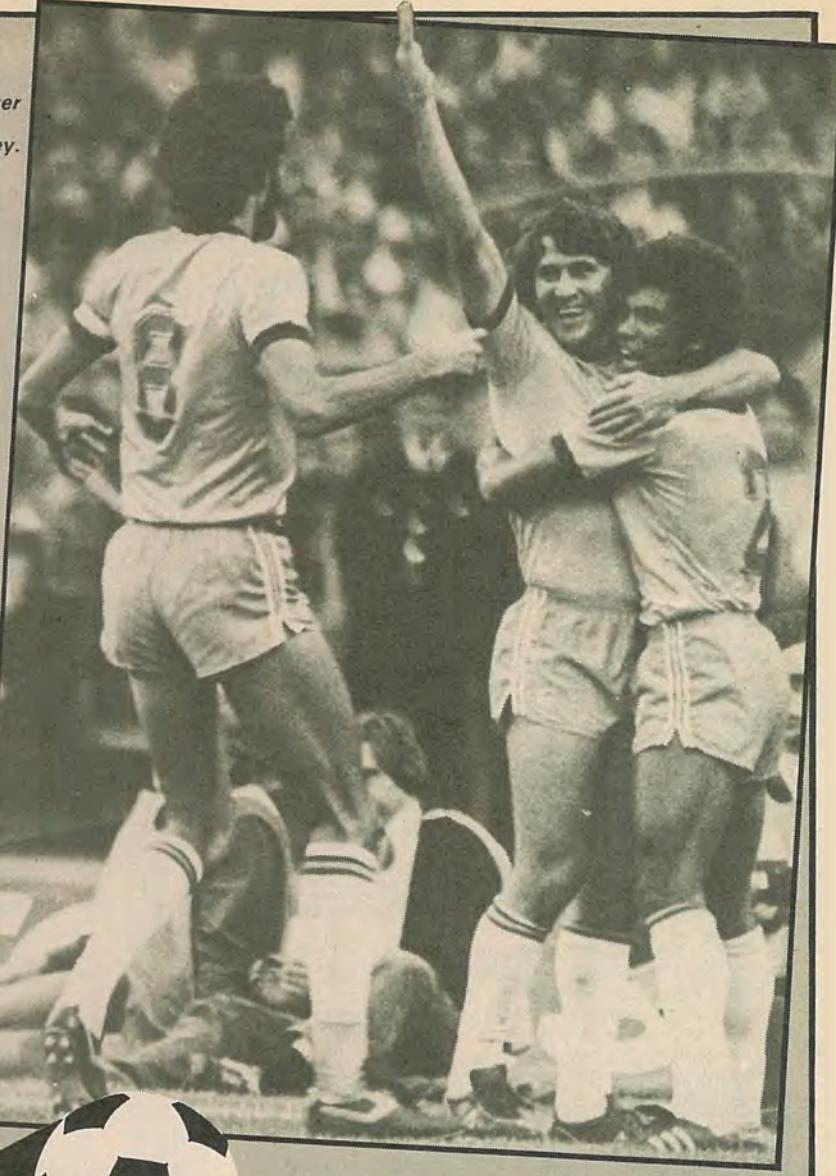
It's the fourth operation Laurie has undergone since joining the Spanish club two years ago.

● POLISH goalkeeper Jan Tomaszewski, the man branded a clown by Brian Clough when he ended England's World Cup hopes at Wembley eight years ago, has called it a day.

The 33-year-old 'keeper, capped 65 times by his country, has been playing in Spain with Hercules of Alicante.

● WEST German players have named Karl-Heinz Rummenigge as their 'Footballer of the Year'.

● AUSTRIAN soccer manager Karl Stotz was sacked just 22 days after leading his side into the World Cup Finals.



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Scrapbook

A DARK HORST

BIG Horst Hrubesch, the man who blasted West Germany to victory in the European Championships last year, is struggling against a mystery sequence of concussions.

Recently, the blond striker was concussed for the fourth time in his career and had to spend four days in a totally darkened room.

The Hamburg striker then spent a ten-day break in the mountains in an attempt to make a full recovery.

Bertoni bounces back

DANIEL Bertoni, scorer of one of Argentina's goals in the 1978 World Cup Final win over Holland, is back in the lime-light in Italy after some indifferent performances.

After a draw at home to Ascoli and a defeat at Roma, Daniel came under fire from Florence fans.

There was talk of him being the worst player in Rome; of his being upset and threatening to return to his native country.

But coach Giancarlo De Sisti humoured the player and the situation by saying that he thought Daniel would do better the next week.

And he did. Florence beat Turin 1-0 and it was Daniel who grabbed the crucial goal.

THERE is no reason why Ipswich shouldn't go all the way to Wembley in the League Cup.

We must start favourites at home to Second Division Watford in next week's Quarter-Finals and, over two legs in the Semi-Finals, I would fancy our chances against any opposition.

This is not to say that we are underestimating the challenge of Watford.

They are near the top of their division and have proved in the past that they have the skill and quality to upset the bigger teams, as Nottingham Forest and Manchester United have found to their cost in recent years.

And, in Luther Blissett and Ross Jenkins, they have two experienced players who can cause problems to any defence.

So we will be treating Watford with the same healthy respect as we afford teams like Liverpool and Manchester United.

I missed our 3-2 victory at Everton in the last round, but I told the manager before the team left that if we got a result at Goodison then I fancied us to go all the way to Wembley.

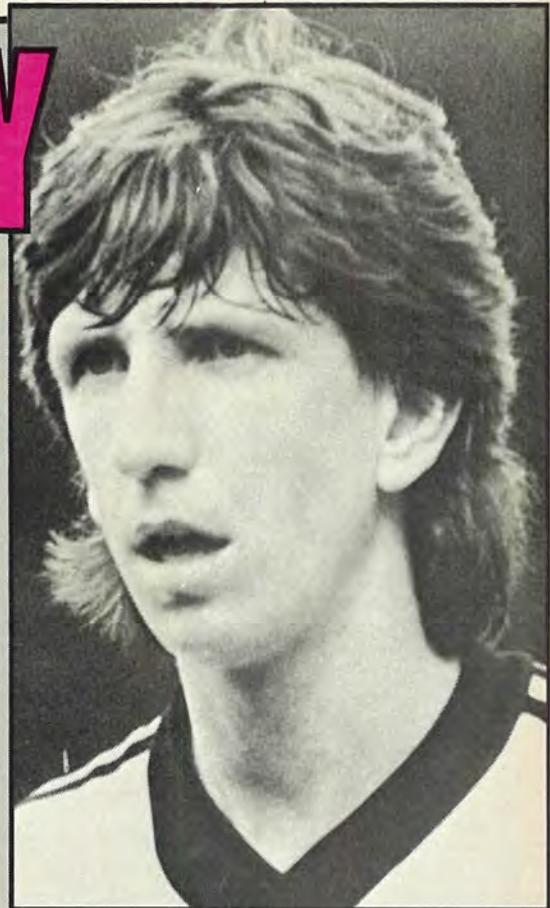
Apparently we achieved the victory with some ease, despite the closeness of the final scoreline, and we are hoping we can reproduce that form against Watford to reach the Semi-Finals for the first time.

Ipswich have never been beyond the Quarter-Finals in the League Cup. They lost to Cardiff in 1966 and to Norwich in 1975.

So I'm the only player in the side who has actually appeared in the Semi-Finals. That was with Plymouth in 1974 when we lost 3-1 on aggregate to Manchester City, who in turn were beaten by Wolves at Wembley.

WEMBLEY HERE WE COME

says PAUL MARINER



who gives his views on Ipswich Town's League Cup bid . . . and pays tribute to club mate Kevin Beattie who has been forced to quit the game. Read what the England strike leader has to say every fortnight in Match!

Obviously, the League Cup wasn't at the top of our priority list this season. Everyone is aware by now that our main objective is the

League Championship.

But like all true professionals, we aim to win every match and it just happens at the moment that we are producing the results in the League Cup.

To reach Wembley would certainly allay the disappointment felt by the players after our first round exit in the UEFA Cup at the hands of Aberdeen.

And the League Cup also carries a passage into Europe, although we are hoping to earn our ticket by finishing at least in the top three in the First Division.

But our success in the League Cup has been marred with the news of the premature retirement of Kevin Beattie because of recurring knee trouble.

The loss of such a great player in the prime of his career is a shattering blow to England and Ipswich.

Without question, Kevin was a real diamond, a world class player who was probably one of the best footballers produced in England for many years.

It's sad that he won't be able to participate in his testimonial match against Moscow Dynamo later this season. On the other hand, the fact that he has

suffered such cruel luck might lead to more fans turning out to pay tribute to his courage.

He has battled on in pain for several years now in a bid to recover from a knee injury that has required five operations.

In that respect, he has been a spur to all the Ipswich players who have been injured.

When I arrived at Ipswich, Kevin was part of a defence that never looked like conceding a goal.

There was the pace of George Burley at right back, the experience of Mick Mills on the left, the power of Kevin and the domination of Allan Hunter in the centre.

Only recently I asked him how many England caps he had. "Nine", came the reply.

"Nine, you should have had 90," was my reply and that's how highly I rate him.

It's unfortunate that he never really played in his best position for England.

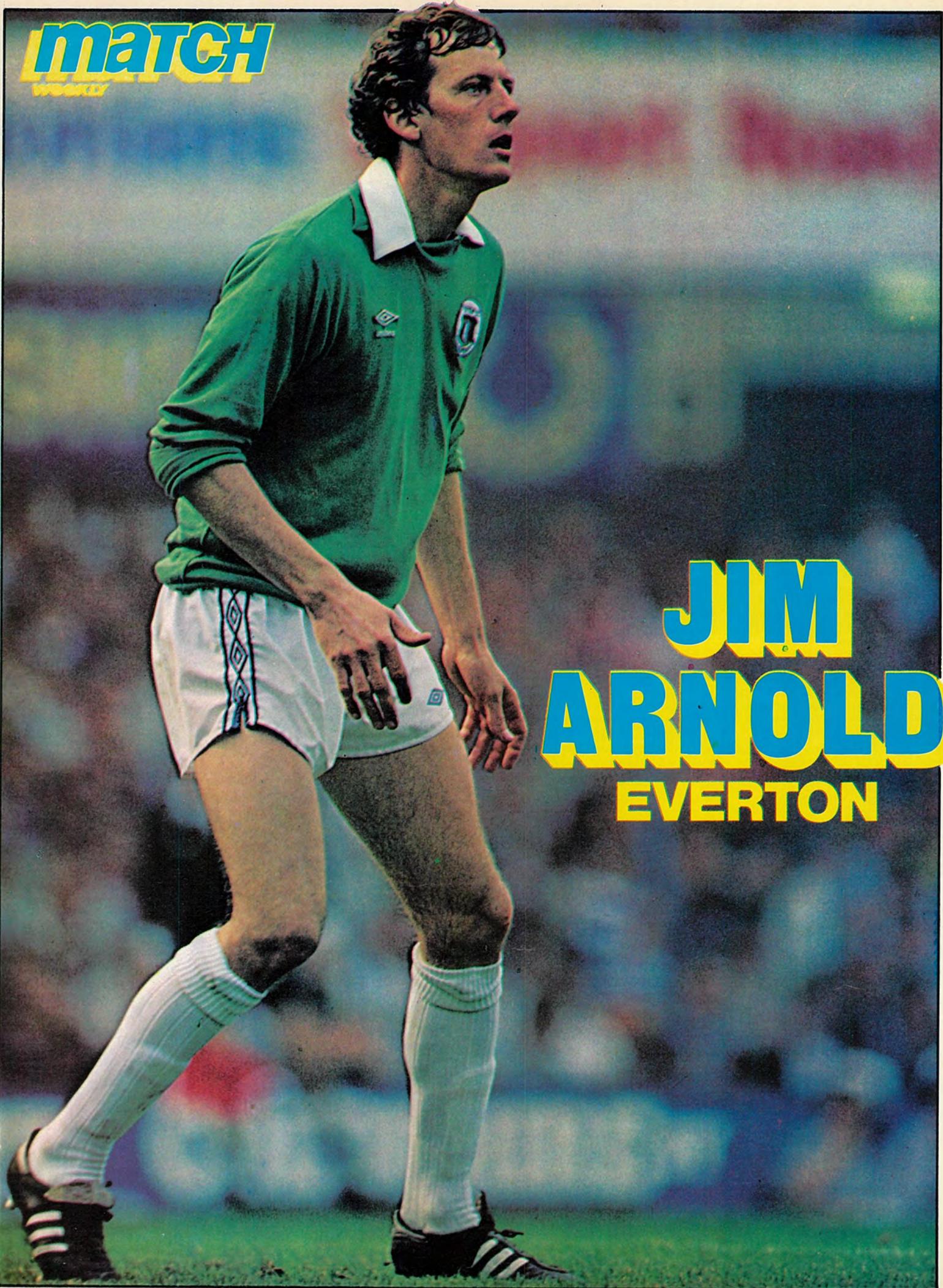
He was often played at left back instead of alongside the centre-half, and I think that grated on him a bit.

There are not too many world class players around at the moment. If he was playing, then he would be among them.



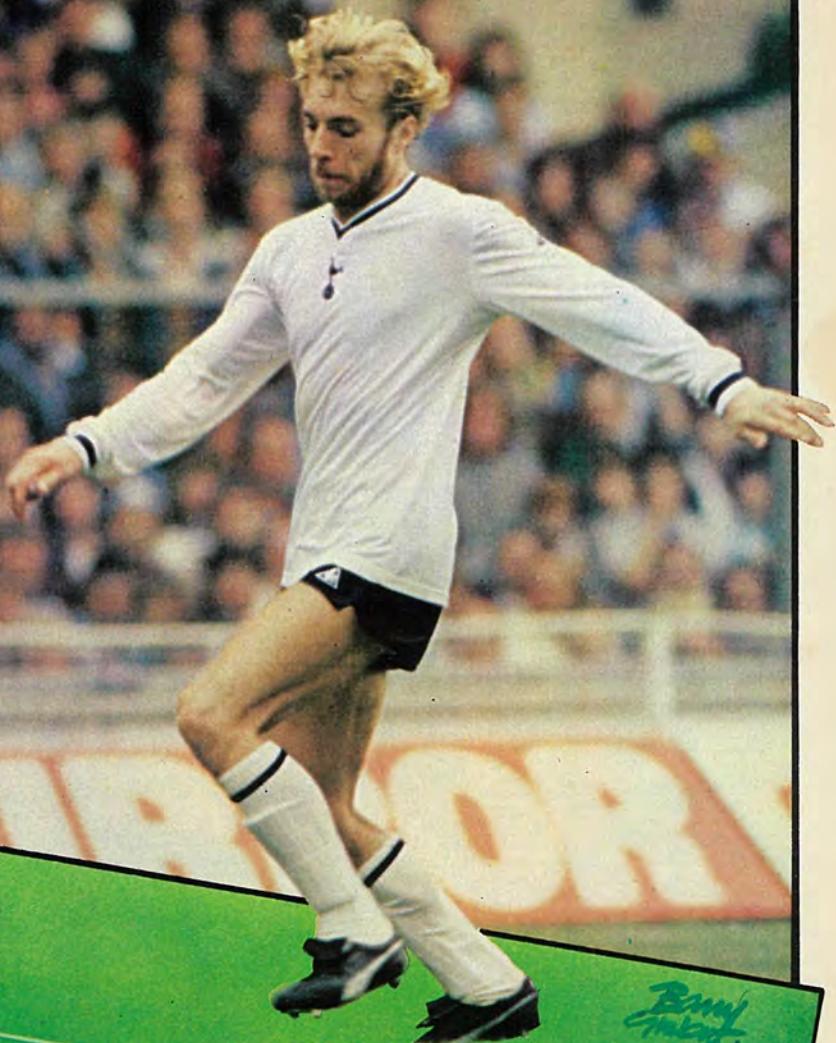
Kevin Beattie (one from left) being congratulated by delighted team mates Paul Mariner, Eric Gates and Arnold Muhren after scoring against Grasshoppers in the Second Round, second leg of the UEFA Cup in 1979. "The loss of such a great player is a shattering blow."

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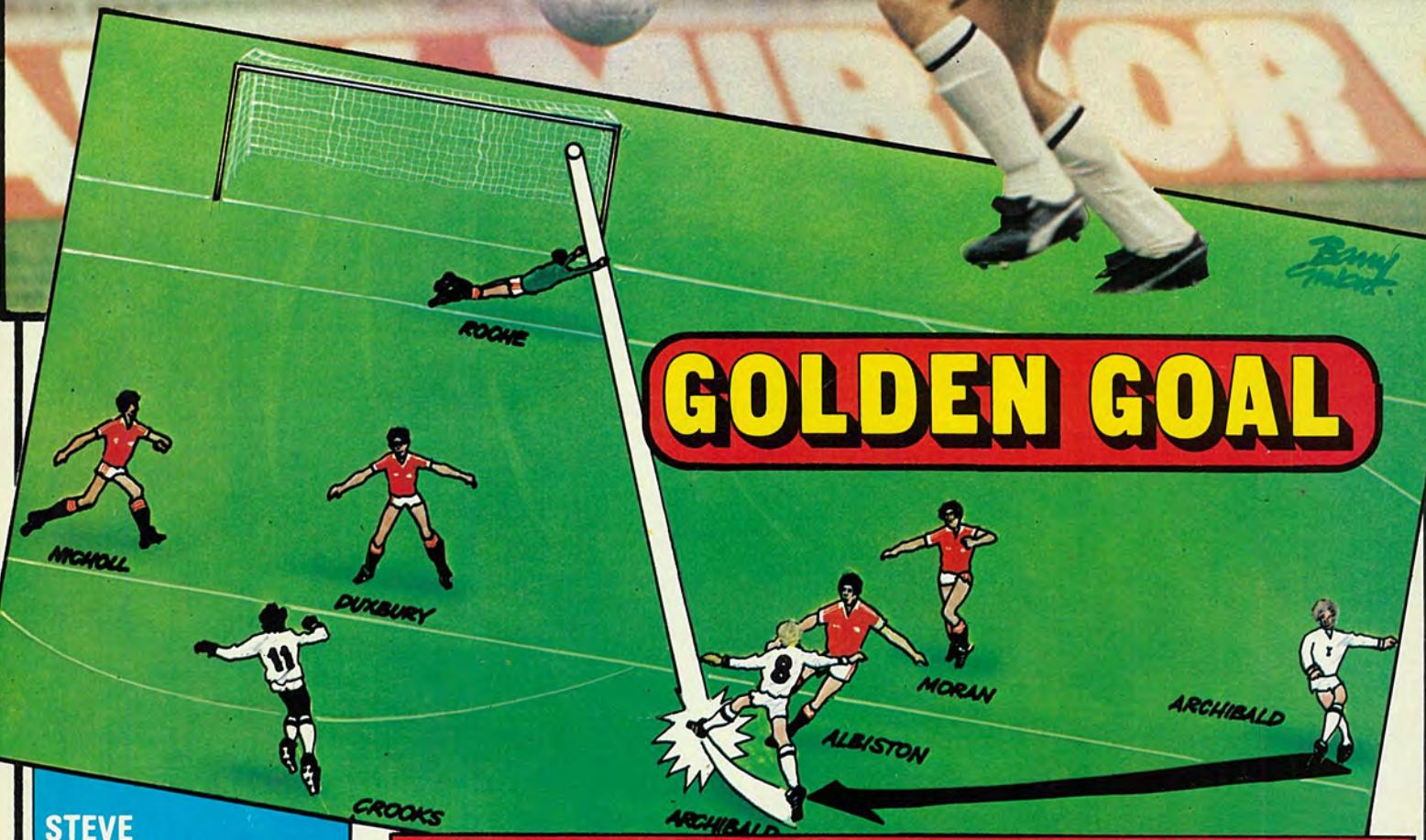


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GREAT SCOT!



GOLDEN GOAL



STEVE ARCHIBALD
(Spurs) v Man U,
White Hart Lane,
Division One,
Sat Nov. 21, 1981

AFTER being the scourge of First Division defences last season, Tottenham's Steve Archibald has found life a little more traumatic this term.

The £800,000 striker, troubled by an ankle injury for most of the season, was hoping to continue where he left off last

Archibald kills off United

May when he finished top scorer in the division with 24 goals.

But his torrent of goals has been reduced to a trickle this time, although he managed to produce a special one to help topple championship leaders Manchester United.

With revitalised Tottenham sitting on a slender 2-1 half-time advantage, the Scottish international struck a

telling blow early in the 53rd minute to stifle any United recovery bid.

There was no indication of disaster for United when young Kevin Moran gained possession just outside his penalty area.

But his pass down the touchline only resulted in Sammy McIlroy laying the ball into the path of the lurking Steve.

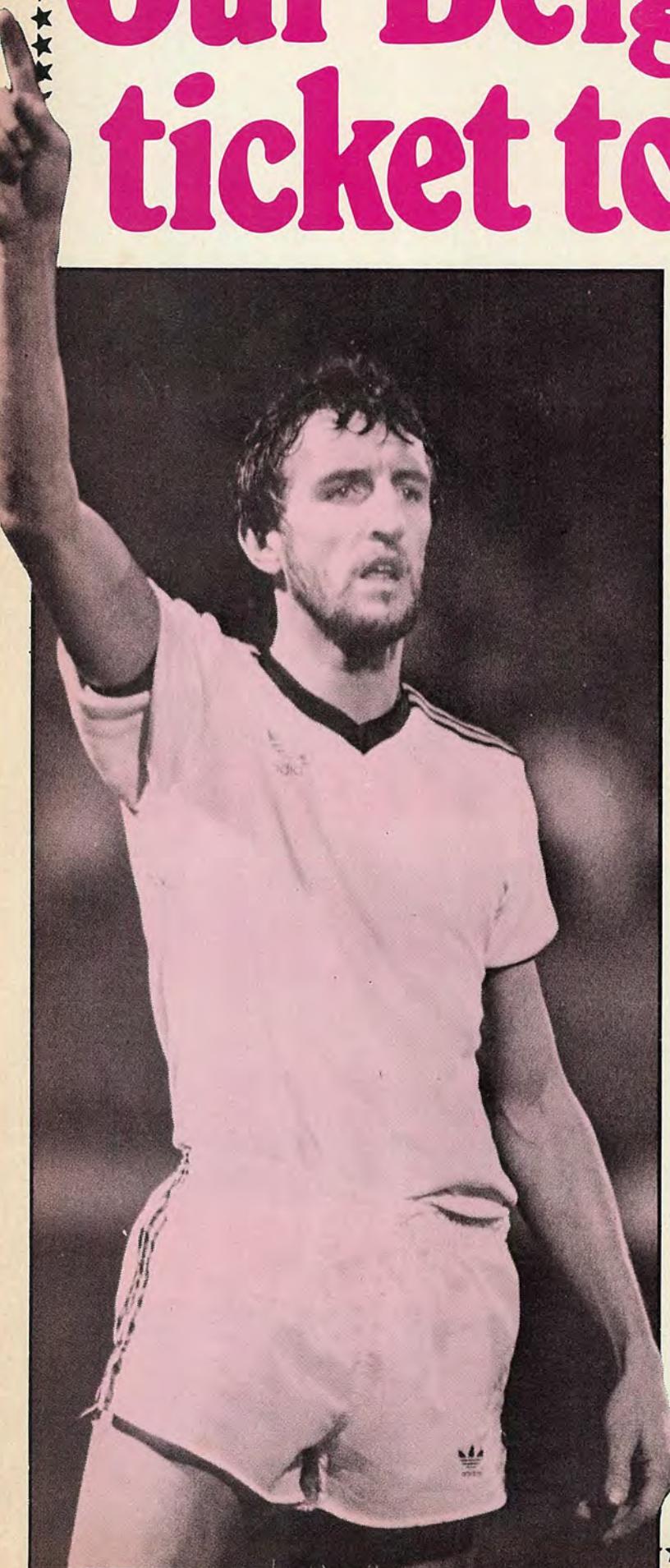
With the United defence in

tatters, Steve ran diagonally across the edge of the area before drilling a left foot drive past the diving Paddy Roche.

Savour

It was a goal to savour for the White Hart Lane faithful, and a moment to show that Steve's goalscoring touch had not completely deserted him.

Our Belgian ticket to Europe



DAVID CROSS
the West Ham striker
writes just for you and only
in Match ...

THE signing of Belgian international forward Francois Van der Elst will prove a great asset in West Ham's bid to secure a place in Europe next season.

The 26-year-old has been playing with New York Cosmos, and he's obviously the type of quality player 'Hammers' fans will appreciate.

He has been a prominent figure in the re-emergence of Belgium as a powerful force at international level.

Ironically, he scored for Anderlecht when they defeated West Ham in the 1976 European Cup Winners' Cup Final.

It was a coincidence when Francois arrived at Upton Park to train with us while negotiations were under way.

Only a few days before, myself and Ray Stewart had commented on the fact that West Ham were something of a rarity these days without a foreign player on the books.

★★★★★★★★★★

Judgement

★★★★★★★★★★

But I'm sure manager John Lyall didn't go abroad just to follow the trend or satisfy the public.

He has proved in the past that he is prepared to wait for the right player to become available, and I think his buys over the past few years have more than backed up his judgement. He paid £400,000 for Francois.

I have seen Francois in action on television for Belgium, but had never met him before he reported for training.

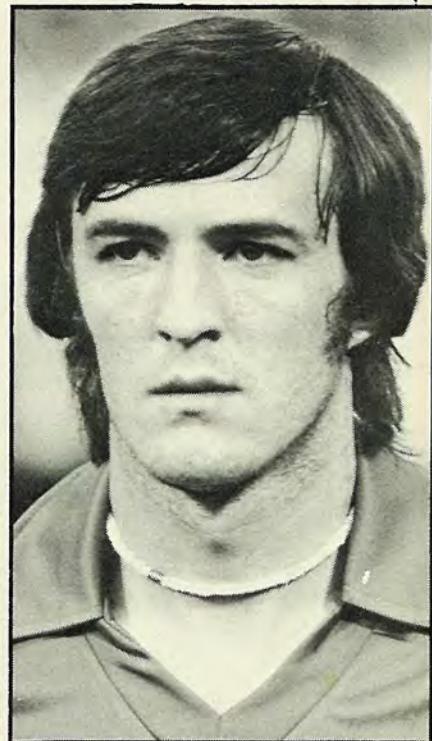
Having been out of action for six weeks, he was obviously lacking a certain amount of fitness, but I don't think he will have many problems in settling into the West Ham squad.

It's always more difficult to settle in a foreign country, but he has a reasonable command of English.

Apparently, he is equally at home in midfield or up front, and he wants a chance in this country to keep him at peak fitness for Belgium's World Cup bid in Spain.

The West Ham players have been luckier than most during the recent cold snap, having some first class indoor training facilities.

Although sharpness becomes



Francois Van der Elst — the type of quality player West Ham fans will appreciate.

dulled without match situations, we were able to maintain our general standard of fitness on the 'astroturf' pitch in our training headquarters.

I can remember during my early days at Rochdale when we were unable to train during bad weather because of the lack of facilities.

The artificial surface is ideal for training purposes, but I don't think I would relish playing First Division football on it.

Obviously we don't do anything silly in training, like slide tackling, and it's the soft, muddy conditions and the whole-hearted commitment which our fans certainly enjoy.

It's the time of the year for reflecting on the past and looking ahead to the future.

The highlight of 1981 for me was the success achieved by West Ham in winning the Second Division Championship.

For the rest of the season, I want West Ham to consolidate themselves in the First Division and possibly achieve a place in Europe which I believe is within our capabilities.

Match Facts... Match Facts... Match Facts...

Saturday, Dec. 26

Division One

COVENTRY (0) 0
WEST BROM (1) 2 (Owen 3, Regis 54)
Att: 15,053
Coventry: Blyth 6, Thomas 7, Roberts 6, Jacobs 5, Dyson 7, Gillespie 7, Hendrie 5, Daly 6, Thompson 7, Hately 6 (sub. Whitton), ★HUNT 8.
West Brom: Grew 7, Batson 7, Bennett 7, King 7, Wile 7, Robertson 7, Whitehead 7, ★MONAGHAN 8, Regis 6, Owen 6, Mackenzie 6.
Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★★

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Whelan 82)
MANCHESTER CITY (1) 3 (Hartford 9, Bond, pen 74, Reeves 89)
Att: 37,929
Liverpool: Grobbaelaar 4, Neal 6, Lawrenson 6, Thompson 5, ★WHELAN 7, Hansen 6, Dalglish 6, Lee 6, Rush 6, Johnson 6 (sub. Kennedy, A 6), Souness 6.
Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Reid 7, Bond 7, Caton 7, ★KINSEY 8, Reeves 6, Francis 7, Hartford 7, Hutchison 6.
Referee: D. Richardson (Blackburn)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

BLACKBURN (3) 3 (Garner 1, Stonehouse 19, Bell 45)
OLDHAM (0) 0
Att: 15,400 (Played at Oldham)
Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 7, Rathbone 7, Arnott 7, Keeley 7, Fazackerley 7, Miller 7, Stonehouse 7, Bell 8, Garner 7, ★BROTHERSTON 9.
Oldham: McDonnell 6, Edwards 6 (sub. Palmer 6), Ryan 6, Keegan 6, Clements 6, Hoolickin 6, Wyld 6, Heaton 7, ★STEEL 8, McDonough 6, Atkinson 5.
Referee: J. B. Worral (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★★

QPR (0) 0
CHELSEA (0) 2 (Walker 77, Mayes 87)
Att: 22,022
QPR: Burridge 6, Fenwick 6, O'Connor 5, Waddock 6, Howe 6, Roeder 6, Mickelwhite 6, ★FLANAGAN 7, Sealy 5 (sub. Allen 6), Stewart 6, Gillard 6.
Chelsea: Francis 6, Wilkins 6, Hutchings 5, Hales 7, ★DROY 8, Pates 6, Mayes 6, Bumstead 6, Lee 6, Walker 6, Fillery 5.
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

NEWPORT (0) 0
CHESTER (1) 1 (Ludlam 12)
Att: 4,908
Newport: Kendall 6, Lees 6, Relish 7, Davies 6, Oakes 6, Johnson 7, ★VAUGHAN 8, Lowndes 7, Gwyther 6, Aldridge 6, Moore 7.
Chester: ★MILLINGTON 8, Needham 7, Burns 7, Storton 7, Cottam 6, Oakes 7, Blackwell 7, Simpson 7, Ludlam 7, Henderson 6, Cooke 6.
Referee: D. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)
Match Rating: ★★★

PLYMOUTH (2) 2 (Hodges 3, Cook 40)
SWINDON (0) 1 (Rowland 89)
Att: 8,185
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 6, ★UZZELL 8, Harrison 7, Phillipson-Masters 6, Cooper 5, Hodges 7, Cook 6, Sims 5, Phillips 6, Rogers 7.
Swindon: Allan 7, ★BADDELEY 8, Williams 5, Hughes 5, Lewis 6, Graham 6, Emmanuel 7, Carter 5, Rowland 5, Rideout 6, Pritchard 6.
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

PORTRSMOUTH (0) 0
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0
Att: 11,395
Portsmouth: Knight 7, McLaughlin 6, Viney 6, ★DOYLE 8, Aizlewood 6 (sub. Rafferty 5), Rowlings 7, Hemmerton 7, Barnard 6, Tait 6, Cropley 6, Crown 6.
Bristol Rovers: Thomas 6, Jones 7, Slatter 6, Mabbitt 6, Parkin 7, Barrett 6, Gilles 6, McCaffery 7, ★WILLIAMS 8, D 8, Penny 6 (sub. Stephens 6), Williams, B 6.
Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Goddard 20)
COLCHESTER (0) 1 (McDonough 78)
Att: 8,829

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8 — Excellent
7 — Good
6 — Adequate
5 — Off form
4 — Poor

Match rating

★★★★★ A classic
★★★★ Good value
★★★ Satisfactory
★★ Dull
★ Waste of money

Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 7, Sulley 7, Smith 6, ★BRIGNULL 8, Impey 7, Dawtry 6 (sub. Dawkins), Crawford 6, Funnell 6, Goddard 7, Williams 6.
Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 7, Coleman 6 (sub. Adcock), Leslie 7, Wignall 6, Wright 7, Rowles 6, Bremner 6, ★OSBORNE 8, McDonough 7, Allinson 7.
Referee: S. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Two

BOLTON (1) 2 (Thompson 13, Henry 52)
BLACKBURN (2) 2 (Arnott 37, Stonehouse 45)
Att: 16,577
Bolton: McDonagh 8, Whitworth 6, Bennett 6, McElhinney 7, Jones 6, Henry 7, Chandler 7, Carter 6, ★GOWLING 9, Cantello 7 (sub. Langley 7), Thompson 7.
Blackburn: Gennoe 7, Branagan 7, Rathbone 7, Arnott 7, Fazackerley 6, Keeley 6, Miller 7, Stonehouse 7, Bell 8, Garner 7, ★BROTHERSTON 9.
Referee: D. W. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Monday, Dec. 28

Division One

BRIGHTON (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Morley 62)
Att: 24,287
Brighton: Moseley 6, Shanks 6, Nelson 8, Greash 7, ★FOSTER 9, Gatting 6, Case 6, Ritchie 7, Smith 6, McNab 6, Thomas 5 (sub. Stevens).
Aston Villa: ★RIMMER 9, Swain 6, Gibson 6, Evans 7, Williams 6, Mortimer 7, Bremner 7, Shaw 7, Geddis 7, Cowans 6, Morley 7.
Referee: T. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★★★

EVERTON (3) 3 (Higgins 13, 23, Sharpe 37)
COVENTRY (2) 2 (Thomas 19, Bodak 44)
Att: 23,895
Everton: Southall 6, Stevens 7, Ratcliffe 6, ★HIGGINS 9, Lyons 8, Kendall 8, McMahon 8, Ross 7, Sharpe 8, Eastoe 8, Irvine 8.
Coventry: Blyth 6, Thomas 7, Roberts 7, Jacobs 6, Dyson 7, Gillespie 8, Bodak 7, Daly 7, Thompson 7, English 6 (sub. Kaiser), ★HUNT 9.
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★★★
Sending Off: Jacobs (Coventry)

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 2 (Hartford 53, Francis 85)
WOLVES (0) 1 (Daniel 70)
Att: 40,298
Man City: Corrigan 6, Ranson 7, Wilson 7, Reid 6, Bond 6, ★CATON 8, Kinsey 6, Reeves 7, Francis 6, Hartford 7, Hutchison 6.
Wolves: Bradshaw 7, Palmer 6, Parkin 6, Daniel 6, Gallagher 6, Berry 6, Birch 6 (sub. Matthews), Eves 6, Gray 7, ★RICHARDS 8, Brazier 6.
Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
Match Rating: ★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Armstrong 3, Keegan 50, 66)
SWANSEA (1) 1 (Rajkovic 13)
Att: 22,703
Southampton: Katalinic 7, Golac 7, Holmes 6, Williams 7, Nicholl 7, Waldron 7, Keegan 8, Channon 6, Moran 7, ★ARMSTRONG 9, Ball 6.
Swansea: Davies 5, Stanley 6, Hadzibabic 6 (sub. Marustik), Rajkovic 7, Irwin 6, Mahoney 5, ★CURTIS 8, James, R 7, James, L 6, Thompson 6, Latchford 5.
Referee: L. C. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

CARDIFF (0) 0
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Hales 40)
Att: 7,889
Cardiff: Healey 6, Grapes 6, ★DWYER 8, Maddy 6 (sub. Sugrue 6), Pontin 6, Bennett, G 5, Bennett, D 7, Micallef 6, Stevens 4, Hughes 7, Lewis 6.
Charlton: Johns 7, Naylor 6, Ferns 6, Gritt 6, McAllister 7, Phillips 7, Lansdowne 6, ★WALSH 8, Hales 7, Berry 6, Robinson 6.
Referee: M. Heath (Stoke)
Match Rating: ★★★

NORWICH (1) 1 (Deehan 42)
LUTON (3) 3 (Antic 2, White 9, Stein 13)
Att: 19,348
Norwich: Woods 6, Symonds 6, Downs 7, McGuire 7, Walford 7, Watson 7, Barham 6, Muzinic 5 (sub. Mendum 7), ★DEEHAN 8, Bertschin 6, Bennett 6.
Luton: Findlay 8, Stephens 7, Aizlewood 7, ★HORTON 9, Goodeyre 7, Donaghy 7, Antic 8, Stein 7, White 8, Fuccillo 7, Moss 8.
Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★★★

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Wyld, pen 82)
LEICESTER (1) 1 (Lynex 6)
Att: 9,174
Oldham: McDonnell 6, Hoolickin 6, Ryan 6, McDonough 6, Clements 6, ★FUTCHER 8, Wyld 6, Heaton 6, Steel 7, Palmer 6, Atkinson 6.
Leicester: Wallington 6, Williams 6, Leet 7, ★KELLY 9, May 8, O'Neill 6, Lynex 7, Lineker 6, Young 6, Wilson 6, Heberd 6.
Referee: P. Willis (County Durham)
Match Rating: ★★★

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (McCaffery 44)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
Att: 12,355
Bristol Rovers: Thomas 6, Jones 5, Williams, B 6, McCaffery 6, ★PARKIN 8, Mabbitt 6, Barrett 6 (sub. Stephens 7), Gillies 5, Penny 6, Slatter 6, Williams, D 7.
Bristol City: Moller 7, Stevens 6, Williams 6, Aitken 7, Rodgers 5, ★BOYLE 8, Tainton 7, Mann 6, Chandler 7, Harford 6, Devine 5.
Referee: T. G. Bune (Cranleigh)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

EXETER (0) 1 (Kellow 71)
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Harrison, pen 86)
Att: 9,144
Exeter: Main 7, Mitchell 7, Rogers, M 6, Prince 6, ★FOSTER 8, Roberts 6, Cooke 6, Rogers, P 5, Kellow 7, Delva 7, Pular 6.
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 6, Harrison 7, Phillipson-Masters 7, Cooper 7, Hodges 6, Phillips 5 (sub. Dennis 6), ★SIMS 8, Rendall 7, Rogers, A 6.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Lawrence 86)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Heffernan 32, Impey 64)
Att: 2,831
Torquay: O'Keefe 6, Jones 5, Wilson 6, Brown 6 (sub. Murphy), Lawrence 6, Larmour 6, Sermanni 7, Cooper 5, ★BUTLER 8, Riach 6, Young 7.
Bournemouth: Leigh 6, Heffernan 6, Sulley 6, Dawkins 6, Brignull 6, Impey 6, Spackman 6, Crawford 7, ★FUNNELL 8, Goddard 7, Williams 6.
Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★★

Tuesday, Dec. 29

Division Three

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (McCaffery 44)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
Att: 12,355
Bristol Rovers: Thomas 6, Jones 5, Williams, B 6, McCaffery 6, ★PARKIN 8, Mabbitt 6, Barrett 6 (sub. Stephens 7), Gillies 5, Penny 6, Slatter 6, Williams, D 7.
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Match Rating: ★★★

Wednesday, Dec. 30

FA Cup, Second Round, Replay

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (McNichol, og 37)
BRENTFORD (0) 0
Att: 5,532
Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 6, Coleman 6, Leslie 7, Wignall 6, Wright 7, Rowles 7, Bremner 6, ★OSBORNE 8, McDonough 6, Allinson 6.
Brentford: McCuller 6, Salman 6, Tucker 7, McNichol 6, Whitehead 7, Hurlock 7, Kamara 7, Bowen 8, Johnson 6, ★BOWLES 8, Booker 6.
Referee: J. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★★

Match Facts... Match Facts... Match Facts...

DAGENHAM (1) 1 (Stein 32)
 MILLWALL (1) 2 (Allardyce 44, Chatterton 63)
 Att: 5,000
 Dagenham: Danson 6, Wade 6, Scales 7, Dunwell 6, Elley 7, Stewart 7, Francis 6 (sub. Maycock 6), **KIDD** 8, Burton 6, Stein 7, Gibson 7.
 Millwall: Gleasure 5, Roberts 6, Warman 6, Chatterton 6, **ALLARDYCE** 8, Slough 7, Dibble 6, Massey 5, Barkley 6, Neal 6, West 7.
 Referee: A. Robinson (Waterloo) Match Rating: **★★★**

OXFORD (2) 4 (Cassells 26, 37, 88, Thomas 64)
 ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Robinson 11, French 90)
 Att: 5,569
 Oxford: Burton 6, Foggi 7, Smithers 7, Jeffrey 7, Briggs 6, Shotton 7, Lythgoe 7, Berry 7, **CASSELLS** 9, Thomas 6, Jones 7.
 Aldershot: Johnson 6, Edwards 5, Wooler 6, Scott 5, Bennett 5, Jopling 6, Wanklyn 5 (sub. French 6), McDonald 6, Garwood 6, Brodie 5, **ROBINSON** 7.
 Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol) Match Rating: **★★★**

Division Two

CHARLTON (0) 0
 NORWICH (0) 0
 Att: 6,277
 Charlton: Johns 7, Naylor 6 (sub. Elliott), Ferns 6, Gritt 6, **McALLISTER** 8, Phillips 6, Lansdowne 6, Walsh 7, Hales 7, Berry 7, Robinson 6.
 Norwich: Woods 7, Symonds 7, Downes 7, McGuire 6, Walford 5, Watson 6, Mendham 6, Jack 6, Deehan 6, **BERTSCHIN** 8, Bennett 6.
 Referee: M. L. James (Sussex) Match Rating: **★★**

Division Three

SWINDON (0) 1 (Rideout 89)
 FULHAM (2) 4 (Davies 10, 23, Lock 54, O'Driscoll 66)
 Att: 5,641
 Swindon: Allan 6, Baddeley 5, Williams 6, Hughes 5 (sub. Abbley 6), Lewis 5, Stroud 5, **EMMANUEL** 7, Carter 6, Rowland 6, Rideout 6, Pritchard 6.
 Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 7, Strong 7, O'Driscoll 8, Brown 8, Gale 7, **DAVIES** 9, Wilson 6, Coney 7 (sub. Lock 7), O'Sullivan 8, Lewington 6.
 Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke) Match Rating: **★★★**

Friday, Jan. 1

Division Three

SOUTHEND (2) 2 (Pountney 3, Cusack, pen 27)
 EXETER (0) 1 (Fisher 85)
 Att: 5,985
 Southend: Keeley 7, Stead 7, Yates 6, Pennyfather 8, Moody 6, Cusack 7, Pountney 7, Gray 6, Spence 6, **MERCER** 9, Nelson 6 (sub. Greaves 7).
 Exeter: Main 6, Mitchell 6, Rogers 5, Prince 7, Foster 6, **ROBERTS** 8, Cooke 7 (sub. Pratt 6), Fisher 7, Kellow 6, Delve 7, Pullar 6.
 Referee: M. L. James (Horsham) Match Rating: **★★★**

Saturday, Jan. 2

FA Cup, Second Round

BURY (0) 1 (Madden 88)
 BURNLEY (0) 1 (Taylor 46)
 Att: 9,200
 Bury: Brown 7, Constantine 7, Kennedy 7, Gore 5, Hilton, P 6, **CRUICKSHANK** 8, Madden 6, Butler 5, Johnson 6, Jakub 6, Hilton, M 5 (sub. Mullen 7).
 Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 6, Wharton 6, Cassidy 7, Overton 7, Dixon 6, Dobson 7, **STEVEN** 8, Hamilton 6, Taylor 7, Young 7.
 Referee: M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield) Match Rating: **★★★★**

CARLISLE (0) 0

BISHOP AUCKLAND (0) 0

Att: 5,656

Abandoned after 69 minutes

Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 7, Haigh 6, Beardsley 7, **ASHURST** 8, Larkin 7, Crabbe 7 (sub. Campbell 6), Robson 6, Lee 7, Bannon 7, Staniforth 7.
 Bishop Auckland: Owers 7, Newton, M 7, Rutherford 6, Hissett 6, Hills 6, Nattrass 7, **PARNABY** 8, Richardson 6, Foster 6, Newton, D 7, Cross 6.
 Referee: K. Warmsley (Blackpool) Match Rating: **★**



Scottish international Alan Brazil grabbed two goals for Cup favourites Ipswich in their 3-2 win at Birmingham.

CREWE (1) 1 (Haslegrave 23)

SCUNTHORPE (1) 3 (Cowling 6, Telfer 61, Dall 73)

Att: 2,729

Crewe: Mulhern 6, Lewis 7, Bowers 6, Salathiel 6, Scott 7, Griffiths 6 (sub. Keighley), **HASLEGRAVE** 8, Callaghan 7, Chesters 6, Palios 6, Williams 7.

Scunthorpe: **NEENAN** 8, Davy 7, Pilling 6, Keeley 7, Dall 7, Oates 7 (sub. Lambert), Telfer 7, O'Brien 7, Cowling 7, Moss 6, Stewart 6.

Referee: D. W. Civil (Birmingham)

Match Rating: **★★★**

HEREFORD (1) 1 (Laidlaw 35)

FULHAM (0) 0

Att: 4,617

Hereford: Brand 6, Price 7, Bray 7, Hicks 7, Dobson 7, Spring 7 (sub. McGrellis 7), Harvey 7, **LAIDLAW** 8, Phillips 6, Showers 6, White 5.

Fulham: Peyton 6, Hopkins 7, Strong 7, O'Driscoll 6, Brown 6, **GALE** 8, Davies 6, Wilson 6, Coney 5, O'Sullivan 6, Lewington 6.

Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)

Match Rating: **★★★**

KETTERING (0) 0

BLACKPOOL (1) 3 (Harrison 10, Wann 50, Morris 85)

Att: 4,439

Kettering: Tingay 6, McIntosh 6, Forster 7, Clarke 6, Suddards 6, Haverson 7, **PHIPPIS** 9, Evans 7, Atkins 8, Duggan 5 (sub. Murphy 5), Shelton 6.

Blackpool: **HESFORD** 9, Simmonite 6, Pashley 6, Blair 6, Wann 6, McEwan 7, Morris 7, Noble 7, Barber 6, Hockaday 6, Harrison 8.

Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)

Match Rating: **★★★★★**

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Cooke 26, Chard 53)

WALSALL (0) 1 (Butler, og 65)

Att: 5,421

Peterborough: Freeman 7, Butler 6, Collins 6, **GYNN** 8, Smith 6, Rodaway 7, Syrett 6, Kellock 6 (sub. Massey 5), Cooke 7, Hodgson 5, Chard 6.

Walsall: **GREEN** 8, Macken 5, Mower 6, Beech 7, Serella 7, Hart 6 (sub. Buckley 6), Rees 6, Loveridge 6, Penn 7, Caswell 6, O'Kelly 6.

Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)

Match Rating: **★★★★★**

PORT VALE (0) 4 (Moss 61, 83, Chamberlain, N 75, 87)

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Smith 74)

Att: 4,478

Port Vale: Harrison 6, Tatt 7, Sproson 7, Bowles 7, Bromage 7, Greenhoff 6, Hunter 6.

Armstrong 7, **CHAMBERLAIN**, N 8, Moss 7, Chamberlain, M 6.
 Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 7, Thorpe 7, Vaughan 6, Sherlock 5, Williams 7, Fowler 6, Park 7, **SMITH** 9, Power 7, Coyle 7.
 Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby) Match Rating: **★★★**

FA Cup, Second Round, Replay

ALTRINCHAM (2) 4 (Goulding 4, Rogers 44, Whitbread 65, 80)

YORK (1) 3 (Pollard 31, 60, Walwyn 77)

Att: 3,088

Altrincham: Connaughton 7, Gardiner 6 (sub. Bailey 6), Davison 7, Goulding 7, Owens 6, Crossley 6, Heathcote 7, **WHITBREAD** 8, Johnson 6, Rogers 7, Howard 7.

York: Blackburn 6, Senior 6, Flood 7, Hood 6, Dawson 7, Kay 6, Pollard 7, Crosby 6, **WALWYN** 8, Ford 7, Benson 7.

Referee: K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)

Match Rating: **★★★★**

GILLINGHAM (0) 3 (Bruce 56, Price 98, Powell 118)

BARKING (0) 1 (Anderson 89)

Att: 4,779

After Extra Time - Score at 90 minutes 1-1 Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 6, Adams 7, **BRUCE** 8, Weatherly 7, Duncan 6, Powell 7, Tydeman 7, White, D 6, Ovard 7, Price 7.

Barking: Hitchcock 7, Cooper 6, Watts 6, **CAMPBELL** 8, Davy 7, Jacks 6 (sub. White, M 6), Makin 7, Anderson 7, Key 6, Dorner 6, Hillman 6.

Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)

Match Rating: **★★★**

Third Round

BARNET (0) 0

BRIGHTON (0) 0

Att: 4,800

Barnet: **PHILLIPS** 9, Pittaway 7, Pearce 7, Millett 7, Campbell 7, Townsend 7, Robinson 6, Watson 7, Sargent 7, Barnes 7, Westwood 7.

Brighton: Moseley 7, Shanks 6, Nelson 6, Greash 6, Foster 6, Gattting 6, Case 7, **RITCHIE** 8, Robinson 7, McNab 7 (sub. Stevens 6), Thomas 7.

Referee: A. R. Glasson (Salisbury)

Match Rating: **★★★★**

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Worthington, pen 42, Curbisley 50)

IPSWICH (1) 3 (Brazil 35, 77, Wark 72)

Att: 17,236

Birmingham: **COTON** 8, Langan 7, Dennis 6, Curbisley 6, Broadhurst 5 (sub. Handysides 5), Todd 6, Dillon 6, Worthington 6, Evans 6, Gemmill 6, Van Mierlo 5.

Ipswich: Cooper 6, Burley 7, McCall 7, Mills 7, Osman 7, Steggles 7, Wark 7, Muhr 6, Mariner 6, Brazil 7, **GATES** 9.

Referee: R. Lewis (Gr. Bookham)

Match Rating: **★★★★**

BOLTON (2) 3 (Gowling 6, Foster 17, Thompson 75)

DERBY (0) 1 (Powell, B 87)

Att: 9,534

Bolton: McDonagh 6, Whitworth 6, Bennett 6, Henry 7, Jones 7, McElhinney 8, Chandler 7, Foster 6, **GOWLING** 9, Langley 6, Thompson 7.

Derby: Jones, R 6, Coop 7, Richards 6, **POWELL**, S 8, Money 6, Buckley 7, Dalziel 6, Powell 6, Clayton 6, Swindlehurst 7, Gamble 6 (sub. Emson 6).

Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)

Match Rating: **★★★★**

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0

OXFORD (0) 2 (Cassells 51, Thomas 65)

Att: 8,989

Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 6, Sulley 6, Dawkins 6, Brignull 6 (sub. Smith 6), Impay 7, Spackman 6, **CRAWFORD** 8, Funnell 7, Goddard 6, Williams 6.

Oxford: Burton 7, Foggi 7, Smithers 6, Jeffrey 6, Briggs 7, Shotton 7, Lythgoe 7, Berry 7, **CASSELLS** 8, Thomas 7, Jones 6.

Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)

Match Rating: **★★★**

COVENTRY (2) 3 (Hunt 36, 42, Hately 80)

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 1 (McClusco 20)

Att: 14,213

Coventry: Blyth 7, Thomas 7, Barnes 7, Jacobs 6, Dyson 7, Gillespie 7, Bodak 6, Daly 7, **HATELEY** 8, Kaiser 6 (sub. Hormantschuk 6), Hunt 7.

Sheff Wed: Bolder 5, Sterland 5, Williamson 6, Smith 6, Shirtiff 7, Taylor 7 (sub. Mellor 6), **MEGSON** 8, Mirocevic 6, Bannister 5.

Matchmen of the Month

THIS issue was to have included the results of our 'Matchmen of the Month' awards for December, but we have been forced to abandon that month's awards because so few games were played due to the wintry conditions. Weather permitting, the January awards will go ahead as normal.

CUT OUT AND KEEP

Match Facts... Match Facts... Match Facts...

McCulloch 7, Curran 6.
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★★★

DONCASTER (2) 2 (Reilly, og 8, Warboys 44)
CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Taylor 33)
Att: 6,741

Doncaster: ★BOYD 9, Russell 7, Cooper 8, Lister 7, Swan 6, Dowd 7, Pugh 7, Dawson 7, Warboys 8, Lally 8, Little 7.
Cambridge: Key 6, Donaldson 7, Murray 7, Christie 6 (sub. Smith 6), Fallon 7, Streete 7, ★TAYLOR 8, Spriggs 7, Mayo 7, Reilly 6, Finney 6.

Referee: P. J. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★★★★

ENFIELD (1) 2 (Ironton 33, Oliver 73)
CRYSTAL PALACE (2) 3 (Price 13, Hilaire 23, 71)

Att: 3,467
Enfield: Jacobs 6, Barratt 7, Waite 6, Jennings 8, Tone 7, Taylor 6, Ching 7, Oliver 6, ★IRONTON 9, Ashford 5, Holmes 6.
Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Hinshelwood 6, Cannon 7, Wicks 6, Boulter 5, Murphy 7, Price 7, ★HILAIRE 9, Smillie 7, Walsh 6 (sub. Lovell 6), Mabbett 7.

Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)

Match Rating: ★★★★

LEICESTER (2) 3 (Young 18, 25, Lineker 83)
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Keegan 44)

Att: 20,589

Leicester: Wallington 7, Williams 7, Friar 6, Peake 7, May 6, O'Neill 6, Lynex 7, Lineker 7, ★YOUNG 9 (sub. Mervose), Wilson 8, Kelly 7.
Southampton: Katalinic 7, Golac 6, Holmes 5, ★WILLIAMS 8, Nicholl 6 (sub. Wallace), Waldron 6, Keegan 7, Channon 6, Moran 7, Armstrong 6, Ball 7.

Referee: C. L. Newsome (Broseley)

Match Rating: ★★★★

LUTON (1) 2 (Moss, pen 19, Horton 88)

SWINDON (0) 1 (Emmanuel 78)

Att: 9,488

Luton: ★FINDLAY 9, Stephens 7, Aizlewood 6, Horton 7, Goodyear 6, Donaghy 7, Hill 7, Stein 7, White 8, Fuccillo 7, Moss 6.
Swindon: ★ALLAN 9, Baddeley 7, Williams 8, Henry 7, Lewis 7, Stroud 7, Emmanuel 8, Carter 7, Rowland 6, Rideout 6, Pritchard 7.

Referee: A. W. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)

Match Rating: ★★★★

MANCHESTER CITY (2) 3 (Francis 22, 70, McDonald 44)

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Maddy 39)

Att: 31,950

Man City: Corrigan 6, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Reid 6, Bond 6, Caton 6, Gow 5, Reeves 6, ★FRANCIS 8, Hartford 6, Hutchison 6.
Cardiff: Healey 7, Grapes 5, Dwyer 6, Maddy 5, Pontin 6, Bennett 5, G. Bennett 6, Micallef 6, Stevens 7, ★HUGHES 8 (sub. Sugrue 5), Lewis 6.

Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)

Match Rating: ★★★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1 (Proctor 2)

WREXHAM (0) 3 (Downman 61, Vinter 69, McNeil 72)

Att: 15,649

Nott'm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 6, Gunn 6, Needham 6, Young 5, Walsh 6, Rober 7 (sub. McGovern 6), Wallace 6, Ward 5, ★PROCTOR 8, Robertson 6.

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 8, Jones 7, Bater 7, Downman 7, Cegielski 6, Ronson 7, ★FOX 9, McNeil 8 (sub. Hill 6), Edwards 6, Vinter 7, Carrodus 7.

Referee: D. Richardson (Great Harwood)

Match Rating: ★★★★

ORIENT (0) 1 (Moores 50)

CHARLTON (0) 0

Att: 6,511

Orient: Day 7, Hughton 7, Foster 6, Taylor 6, Gray 6, Fisher 5, Godfrey 7, Silkman 7, ★MORES 8, Margerrison 7, Jennings 5 (sub. Blackhall 5).

Charlton: Johns 6, Naylor 6, Ferns 7, Gritt 6, McAllister 7, Phillips 6, Lansdowne 6 (sub. Elliott 7), Walsh 7, ★HALES 8, Berry 5, Robinson 7.

Referee: D. Lloyd (Gloucestershire)

Match Rating: ★★★★

QPR (0) 1 (Stainrod 70)

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Thomson 8)

Att: 12,100

QPR: Hucker 6, Neal 6, Fenwick 6, Waddock 6, Howe 6, ★ROEDER 8, Mickiewhite 6, Flanagan 6, Stewart 6, Stainrod 7, Gillard 6.
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Nattrass 6, Bolton 6, Ross 6, Baxter 6, ★MCANDREW 8, Cochrane 6, Otto 6, Hodges 6, Shearer 6, Thomson 7.

Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)

Match Rating: ★★★★

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Towner 63)
SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Rowell 71)

Att: 11,649

Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 6, Taylor 6, Rhodes 7, Stancliffe 7, Green 6, Towner 6, ★GOODING 8, Moore 6, Fern 7, Henson 6.
Sunderland: Siddall 6, Hinnigan 6, ★PICKERING 8, Hindmarch 7, Clarke 6, Elliott 6, Buckley 6, McCoist 6 (sub. Venison), Ritchie 7, Rowell 7, Cummins 6.

Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)

Match Rating: ★★★

STOKE (0) 0

NORWICH (1) 1 (Jack 11)

Att: 12,805

Stoke: Fox 6, Evans 5, Hampton 6 (sub. Johnson 6), Dodd 6, O'Callaghan 6, Doyle 5, Griffiths 5, Heath 6, Chapman 7, ★BRACEWELL 8, Ursem 4.
Norwich: Woods 6, Symonds 6, Downs 7, McGuire 6, Walford 7, Watson 7, Mendham 7, Jack 6, Deehan 7, ★BERTSCHIN 8, Bennett 7.

Referee: G. E. Flint (Kirby)

Match Rating: ★★★

SWANSEA (0) 0

LIVERPOOL (2) 4 (Hansen 35, Rush 45, 88, Lawrenson 73)

Att: 24,179

Swansea: Davies 6, ★STANLEY 7, Marustik 6 (sub. Thompson 5), Rajkovic 6, Irwin 5, Stevenson 5, Curtis 6, James 6, R. James 6, L. James 6, Mahoney 5, Latchford 5.
Liverpool: Grobelaar 7, Neal 6, Lawrenson 7, Thompson 6, Whelan 7, Hansen 7, ★DALGLISH 8, Kennedy 6, Rush 7.

Referee: C. White (Harrow)

Match Rating: ★★★★

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Crooks 14)

ARSENAL (0) 0

Att: 38,241

Spurs: Clemence 8, Perryman 7, Roberts 7, Miller 6, Hughton 7, Villa 6, Ardiles 8, Galvin 7, Hoddle 8, Falco 7, ★CROOKS 9.
Arsenal: Jennings 7 (sub. Meade), Robson 6, O'Leary 6, Whyte 6, Sansom 6, Talbot 6, Hollins 7, Nicholas 7, Davis 6, ★SUNDERLAND 8, Rix 7.

Referee: N. Midgley (Lancashire)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WATFORD (1) 1 (Gidman, og 44)

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0

Att: 26,104

Watford: Sherwood 8, Rice 8 (sub. Armstrong 7), Pritchett 8, Taylor 8, ★TERRY 9, Bolton 7, Callaghan 7, Blissett 8, Jenkins 8, Barnes 7, Lohman 8.
Man Utd: Bailey 7, Gidman 7, ★ALBISTON 9, Wilkins 8, Moran 7, Buchan 7, Robson 7, Birtles 8, Stapleton 7, Moses 6 (sub. Macari 7), McIlroy 7.

Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WEST BROM (1) 3 (Mackenzie 16, King, pen 46, Whitehead 56)

BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Garner 68, 84)

Att: 17,540

West Brom: Grew 6, Batson 7, ★STATHAM 8, Whitehead 7, Wile 6, Robertson 6, Jol 6, Monaghan 6, Regis 6, King 7, Mackenzie 7.
Blackburn: Gennoe 7, Branagan 7, Rathbone 6, Arnott 7, Keeley 7, Fazackerley 6, Miller 7, Stonehouse 7, Bell 6, Garner 7, ★BROTHERSTON 8.

Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Bonds 7, Cross 54)

EVERTON (0) 1 (Eastoe 62)

Att: 24,431

West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Lampard 6, Bonds 7, Martin 7, Devonshire 7, Neighbour 7, Goddard 7 (sub. Pearson), ★CROSS 8, Brooking 7, Pike 7.
Everton: Southall 7, Stevens 7, Ratcliffe 7, Higgins 7, Lyons 7, ★KENDALL 8, Richardson 6, Ross 7 (sub. O'Keefe 6), Sharp 7, Eastoe 6, Lodge 7.

Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WOLVES (1) 1 (Gray, A 14)

LEEDS (1) 3 (Hamson 40, Hird 85, Gray, E 87)

Att: 20,923

Wolves: Bradshaw 5, Palmer 4, Parkin 4, ★DANIEL 6, Gallagher 5, Berry 5, Birch 4, Eves 4, Gray 4, Richards 4, Brazier 5.
Leeds: Lukic 6, Cherry 6, Gray 6, F. Stevenson 5, Hart 6, Burns 6, Gray 6, E. Stevenson 5, Butterworth 5, Hamson 6, Hird 7.

Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Three

BRENTFORD (0) 0

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Fletcher 53)

Att: 5,440

Brentford: McKellar 6, Salman 7, Tucker 5, McNichol 6, ★WHITEHEAD 8, Hurlock 6, Kamara 7, Bowen 5, Johnson 6 (sub. Booker 6), Bowles 5, Roberts 5.
Huddersfield: Taylor 7, Brown 6, Purdie 6, ★LILLIS 8, Sutton 6, Hanvey 6, Stanton 7, Kennedy 6, Fletcher 7, Hotte 6, Cowling 6.

Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)

Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Stevens 44)

WIMBLEDON (1) 3 (Ketteridge 38, Lazarus 64, 80)

Att: 4,660

Bristol City: Moller 6, Stevens 7, Williams 7, Aitken 6, Boyle 6, Nicholls 7, Tainton 7, ★MANN 8, Chandler 7, Harford 7, Devine 6 (sub. Sweeney).
Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Clement 6, Thomas 7, Smith 6, Morris 7, Downes 6, Ketteridge 7, Leslie 7, Lazarus 7, Hodges 6, ★JOSEPH 8.

Referee: K. P. Barrett (Coventry)

Match Rating: ★★★

NEWPORT (3) 3 (Aldridge 16, 44, Lowndes 25)

READING (0) 1 (Sanchez 55)

Att: 2,948

Newport: Kendall 6, Lees 6, Relish 7, Davies 6, Oakes 5 (sub. Waddle 6), Elsey 6, Vaughan 7, Lowndes 7, Tyran 7, ★ALDRIDGE 8, Moore 7.

Reading: Fearon 6, Williams 5, Cullen 5, Heale 7, Hicks 6, Webb 6, Beavon 6 (sub. Lewis), Earles 7, Dixon 7, ★SANCHEZ 8, Donnellan 7.

Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)

Match Rating: ★★★★

PLYMOUTH (0) 4 (Cooper 51, 67, Cook 69, pen 71)

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0

Att: 7,058

Plymouth: Crugdington 5, Nisbet 7, Uzzell 6, Harrison 6, Phillipson-Masters 6, ★COOPER 8, Hodges 6, Cooke 7, Sims 6, Randell 6, Rogers 7.
Bristol Rovers: ★THOMAS 8, Jones 6, Gillies 5, McCaffery 5 (sub. Barratt 5), Parkin 5, Mabbett 6, Slatter 5, Williams 6, D 6, Stephens 5, Penny 5, Williams 6, B. 6.

Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)

Match Rating: ★★★★

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Leicester striker Alan Young blasted Southampton out of the Cup with two goals in the Second Division side's 3-1 win at Filbert Street.

Division Four

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Wood 12)

WIGAN (1) 2 (Lloyd 35, Bradd 61)

Att: 2,173

Mansfield: Arnold 6, McJannet 6, Foster 6, Bell 5, Burrows 6, Wood 6, Mann 7, Morgan 5, Lumby 6, ★CALDWELL 8, Parkinson 5.
Wigan: Tunks 5, McMahon 6, Glenn 6, Wignall 6, Lloyd 6, Methven 5, Weston 7, Barrow 6, ★BRADD 8, Houghton 6, Evans 5.

Referee: J. C. Deakin (Bedford)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 2 (Hatton 7, Kenworthy, pen 67)

HALIFAX (0) 2 (Ward 71, 85)

Att: 11,623

Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, Ryan 7, Garner 6, Richardson 6, Houston 7, ★KENWORTHY 8, Neville 6, Broddle 6, Edwards 6, Hatton 7, Charles 6.
Halifax: Smelt 7, Chamberlain 6, Whitley 6, Evans 6, Ayre 7, Hendrie 7, ★WARD 8, Davidson 7, Graham 6, Spooner 6, Bullock 7 (sub. Firth 7).

Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)

Match Rating: ★★★

Sending Off: Richardson (Sheffield United)

SCOTTISH Premier Division

HIBERNIAN (0) 2 (Jamieson 50, MacLeod 78)

DUNDEE (1) 1 (Sinclair 45)

Att: 7,500

Hibs: McArthur 7, Sneddon 6, Schaeffer 7, Brazil 6, Paterson 7, Flavell 6, ★CALLACHAN 8, Duncan 7, Rae 6, MacLeod 7, Jamieson 6, McDonald 6 (sub. Stephen 6), Fraser 6, ★McGEACHIE 8, Cameron 7 (sub. Kidd).
Dundee: Blair 7, Barr 6, McLellan 7, Glennie 6, McDonald 6 (sub. Stephen 6), Fraser 6, ★McGEACHIE 8, Cameron 7 (sub. Kidd).
Referee: D. N. Galloway (Pitlessie)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Second Division

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Shaw 28)

FORFAR (0) 1 (Clark 86)

Att: 1,435

THE fifteen lucky winners of the 'Spot the Difference' competition which appeared in our December 12 issue each win a super soccer calendar featuring their favourite team.

They are: Mark Durbin, Romford, Essex; Brian Anderson, Lochans, Wigtonshire; Mark Mulliss, Winslow, Bucks; Paul Bradreth, Harpenden, Herts; Kevin Studholme, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear; Helen Horner, Drippington, West Yorks; Chris Walters, Roby, Liverpool; John Pitt, Kempston, Beds; Bruce Salter, Yaxley, Suffolk; Russell Ward, Collingham, West Yorks; David Chincock, Erith, Kent; David Forwell, Eastwood, Glasgow; Keith Gardner, Spalding, Lincs; William Thackray, Addington, Surrey; and Wayne Rowley, Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham.

Match Facts... Match Facts... Match Facts...

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Man City	20	3	2	19	9	4	1	4	10	13	34	
Southampton	19	8	0	2	25	12	2	3	4	10	16	33
Swansea	20	7	2	11	8	3	1	6	13	24	33	
Man Utd	13	6	2	11	4	3	3	4	11	13	32	
Ipswich	16	8	1	1	15	8	4	1	3	13	11	32
Tottenham	17	4	0	5	14	13	5	2	1	12	6	29
Nottingham	18	5	2	2	11	8	3	3	12	15	29	
Everton	19	7	1	2	19	10	1	3	5	8	15	28
Brighton	19	3	5	2	17	13	3	4	2	7	6	27
Arsenal	15	4	2	1	5	2	4	1	10	10	27	
West Ham	16	4	3	1	19	13	2	5	1	14	9	26
Liverpool	17	3	3	2	13	10	3	3	2	11	9	24
West Brom	13	3	4	2	12	7	3	2	4	11	12	74
A. Villa	19	2	3	3	9	10	3	4	4	14	13	22
Coventry	20	5	2	3	19	11	1	2	7	10	21	22
Stoke	13	4	0	5	14	12	2	2	5	9	16	20
Leeds	18	4	5	0	13	6	1	0	8	5	26	20
Wolves	18	4	2	3	7	1	2	6	5	18	19	
Birmingham	15	4	3	1	19	13	0	3	5	4	10	18
Notts County	17	3	4	1	13	12	1	1	7	11	19	17
Sunderland	19	1	2	6	6	17	2	3	5	10	16	14
Middlesbrough	18	2	3	4	10	15	0	3	6	6	15	12

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Carlisle	19	7	1	1	18	9	4	1	5	10	12	35
Chesterfield	18	5	2	2	14	8	5	2	2	13	5	34
Walsall	18	6	1	2	17	7	3	4	2	8	6	32
Fulham	19	5	3	1	16	8	4	2	4	15	16	32
Southend	19	6	1	1	13	8	4	1	4	12	11	32
Brentford	20	2	3	5	5	7	7	1	2	17	9	31
Gillingham	19	5	2	3	19	15	4	1	4	10	13	30
Bristol R.	22	5	2	4	16	16	3	3	5	11	15	29
Millwall	19	4	1	5	13	12	4	3	2	13	10	28
Oxford	18	4	2	3	10	7	4	2	3	14	13	28
Doncaster	18	6	1	2	15	6	2	3	4	9	15	28
Reading	19	4	2	3	12	14	4	2	4	12	14	28
Newport	21	5	3	3	13	9	2	3	5	14	17	27
Huddersfield	19	4	3	2	13	9	3	2	5	11	13	26
Plymouth	21	5	2	4	20	13	2	3	5	7	13	26
Exeter	20	5	1	4	22	3	2	4	4	13	19	26
Lincoln	18	3	3	3	14	10	3	2	4	13	14	23
Portsmouth	19	4	4	2	12	8	1	4	4	8	13	23
Burnley	18	3	4	2	11	11	2	3	4	12	15	22
Swindon	20	3	3	5	15	17	3	2	5	9	15	22
Bristol C.	20	3	3	4	12	14	2	3	5	7	12	21
Chester	19	0	6	3	6	11	4	1	5	8	13	19
Wimbledon	19	3	1	5	11	16	1	3	6	11	21	16
Preston	18	2	4	3	6	8	1	2	6	9	19	15

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Luton	19	7	0	2	24	10	7	2	1	20	10	44
Oldham	21	6	5	1	19	12	4	2	3	13	11	37
Watford	18	5	3	1	16	8	5	1	3	12	12	34
Q.P.R.	20	7	2	1	25	5	3	1	5	12	14	33
Chelsea	20	5	3	2	16	12	4	2	4	12	15	32
Blackburn	21	4	2	3	8	5	4	3	17	15	31	
Barnsley	19	7	1	1	17	4	2	2	6	13	17	30
Sheffield W.	18	5	2	2	14	12	4	1	4	8	10	30
Leicester	19	3	4	2	10	7	3	4	3	15	13	26
Charlton	21	6	1	3	19	13	4	6	9	20	26	
Norwich	18	5	3	2	14	10	2	7	8	20	23	
Newcastle	18	6	2	1	15	5	1	7	8	14	24	
Cardiff	19	5	1	4	13	15	2	2	5	9	14	24
Crystal P.	17	6	0	3	12	7	1	2	5	2	7	23
Shrewsbury	18	5	2	2	15	10	1	3	5	4	14	23
Derby	18	4	3	2	14	11	2	1	6	9	19	22
Rotherham	17	6	1	2	20	9	0	2	6	5	16	21
Cambridge	18	5	0	4	15	11	2	0	7	10	18	21
Bolton	20	1	5	14	15	1	1	7	3	14	20	
Wrexham	18	3	0	6	5	14	2	3	4	11	12	18
Orient	19	3	3	3	9	9	2	0	8	5	14	18
Grimbsy	16	1	3	3	8	10	3	2	4	9	17	17

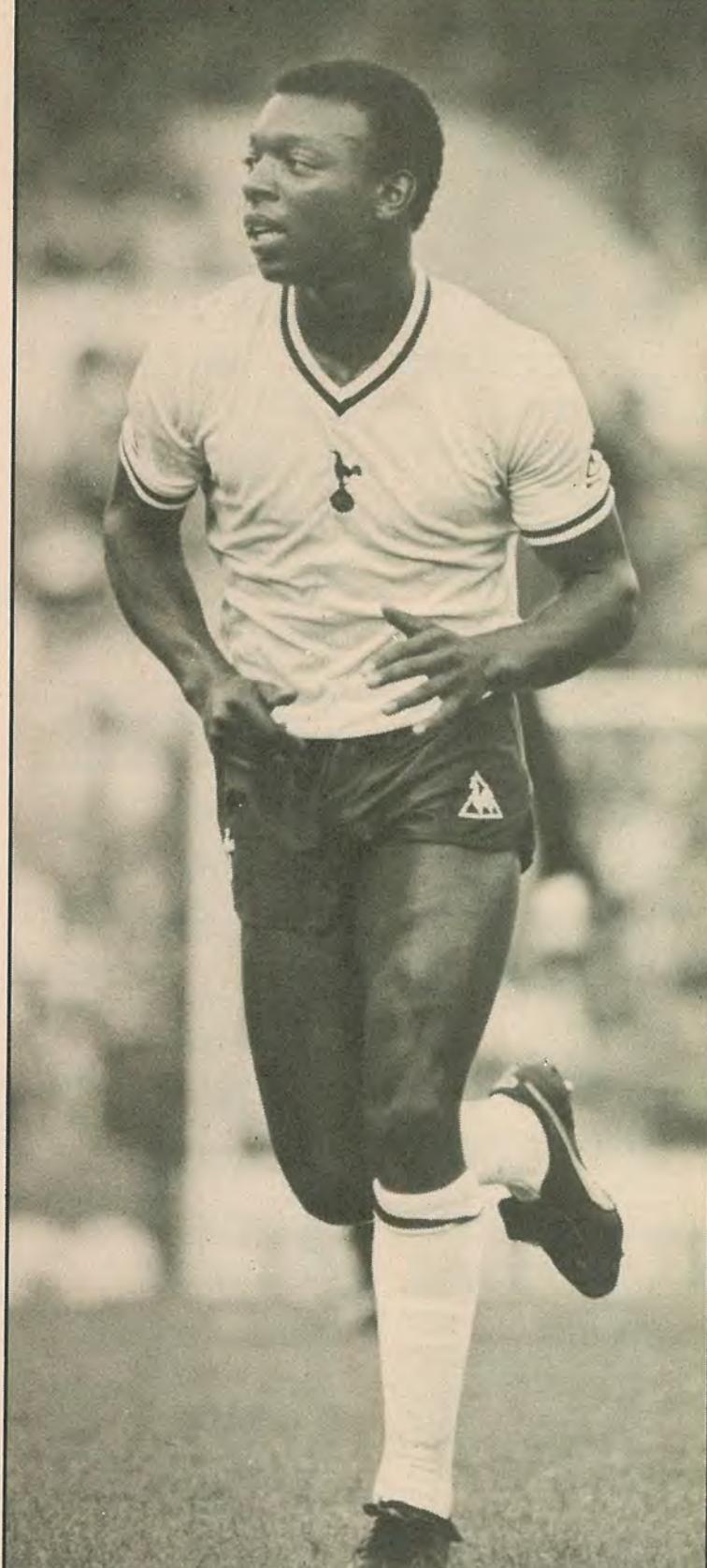
DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Colchester	19	7	1	1	12	6	6	1	3	18	12	11
Sheffield U.	19	7	3	0	22	7	5	2	2	13	8	41
Bournemouth	20	5	5	0	13	5	6	2	2	12	7	40
Bradford C.	17	7	1	1	21	9	5	1	2	17	10	38
Bury	18	8	0	1	29	9	3	3	13	14	36	
Peterborough	18	8	0	1	24	5	3	3	8	11	36	
Wigan	19	7	1	1	15	6	3	5	2	14	13	36
Port Vale	19	5	2	2	12	9	4	3	3	12	11	32
Torquay	20	5	3	3	16	12	3	1	5	8	10	28
Blackpool	18	5	1	2	22	10	2	4	4	15	6	26
Stockport	18	7	0	2	20	9	0	3	6	4	15	24
Hartlepool	18	4	2	3	14	13	2	2	5	10	15	22
Aldershot	13	4	1	4	14	12	2	2	5	10	22	21
Hull	18	4	1	4	12	12	1	4	4	17	20	20
Darlington	18	3	4	2	11	11	1	4	4	6	11	20
Hereford	18	1	6	2	10	11	2	4	3	14	19	19
York City	18	1	3	5	13	20	4	1	4	12	16	9
Rochdale	18	3	4	2	10	7	1	2	6	6	18	18
Tranmere	18	1	5	3	6	10	3	1	5	10	15	18
Mansfield	19	3	3	2	19	18	1	2	6	7	17	17
Halifax	19	2	3	4	8	12	1	4	5	11	22	15
Scunthorpe	18	2	4	3	12	16	1	1	7	5	17	14
Crewe	18	2	1	6	9	12	2	0	7	3	21	13
Northampton	19	2	3	5	11	13	0	2	7	9	28	11

LEADING SCORERS

Division One	
Keegan (Southampton)	18
Regis (West Brom)	18
McDermott (Liverpool)	12
Rush (Liverpool)	12
Division Two	
White (Luton)	14
Stainrod (QPR)	13
Aylott (Barnsley)	12
Garner (Blackburn)	12
Wylde (Oldham)	12
Division Three	
Cassells (Oxford)	18
Davies (Fulham)	16
Chatterton (Millwall)	12
Kellow (Exeter)	12
Division Four	
Madden (Bury)	24
Allinson (Colchester)	15
Campbell (Bradford)	14
Cooke (Peterborough)	14
Walwyn (York)	14

Cup winner Garth Crooks set Spurs on their defence of the crown with the winner against North London neighbours Arsenal.



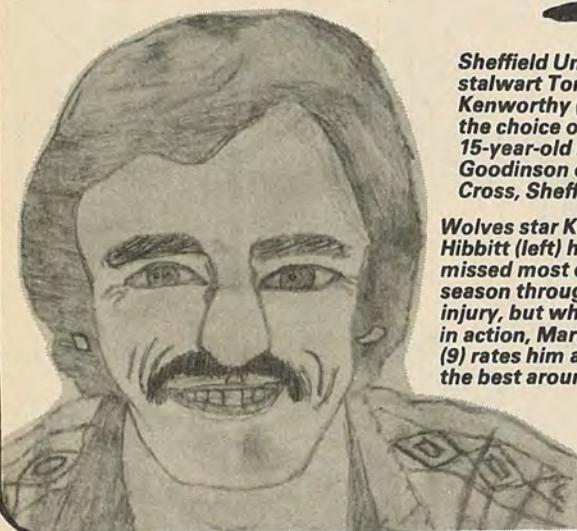
Full of speed and skill — that's Liverpool's Ray Kennedy, according to Darren Bowler (13), of Wigston Magna, Leics.

STAR GALLERY

Sheffield United stalwart Tony Kenworthy (right) is the choice of 15-year-old Darren Goodinson of Parson Cross, Sheffield.

Wolves star Kenny Hibbitt (left) has missed most of this season through injury, but when he's in action, Mark Young (9) rates him as one of the best around.

Manchester United's Garry Birtles (above) is "a great striker", says Dougie Williams of Highgate, London N6.



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Focus on Divisions Three and Four with Melvyn Beck

ONE week you are playing with unknown London club Hampton . . . the next you are rubbing shoulders at Southampton with household names like Kevin Keegan and Mike Channon.

That was how quickly Andy Rogers was jettisoned back into League football after abandoning one attempt following an indifferent spell with his local club Peterborough.

His mind was fixed on a teaching career when out of the blue came an offer from First Division Southampton to make a comeback.

Chelsea and Millwall were also willing to give the 24-year-old winger a second chance but, after serious consideration about his future, he joined Saints' star-studded squad.

"Having already quit League football to concentrate on a teaching career, it was a difficult decision to make," says Andy, who recently joined Third Division Plymouth for £50,000.

"I always felt I had the ability to make it in the Football League but things didn't work out at Peterborough.

"I had some good spells in the first team, but I don't think I was mature enough.

"I had rather a schoolboyish attitude, thinking you just had to play without having to work hard during the week.

"But moving away to college gave me that maturity I needed and the move to Southampton provided me with the stimulus I wanted.

"I have always given 100 per cent on the field, but my attitude and personality in training was not all it should have been.

"But training with the likes of Keegan, Ball and Channon was a great education and the coaching of Ian Branfoot improved my game and attitude no end.

"You have to work hard at Southampton and that has done me the world of good."

Andy realised only too well it

Saints be praised!

SOUTHAMPTON SAVE ANDY'S CAREER

would be difficult to establish himself in the senior side with so many experienced players around, and in 17 months at The Dell he only earned a handful of substitute appearances.

"I knew that eventually I would have to move from Southampton to get regular League football because there was little chance of making the senior side on a regular basis.

"And at 24, I was at a stage where I needed regular first team football. I knew I would probably have to drop down the League.

Andy joined Third Division strugglers Plymouth on loan at the end of September and impressed manager Bobby Moncur so much that he paid out £50,000 for his services.

"I know Plymouth are in the Third but I've not really dropped in terms of standard because I'm playing in a higher level than I was with Southampton Reserves in the Football Combination," says Andy, whose move to Home Park coincided with a Plymouth revival.

"I don't think that either myself or the other newcomer, Jeff Cook, can take the credit for the club's recent improvement.

"Without us, they had good enough players here to climb away from the foot of the table.

"I am impressed with the set-up, the players and manager. It's a big club in the Third Division and the move had given me a new lease of life.

"From my point of view, I don't look too far ahead. But I would love to play in the First Division having been so close to it.

"But if Plymouth can take off, then I would be more than happy to be part of their success."



Above: Andy Rogers . . . "I used to think you could play without having to work hard during the week."

Left: Training with players like Mike Channon helped Andy Rogers' game so much.



Paddon at The Den

THIRD Division Millwall have signed Norwich City midfield player Graham Paddon on loan. Graham, who has had two spells with Norwich, had not figured in the Second Division side since the beginning of October.

Gary goes free

FORMER Birmingham defender Gary Pendrey has joined Bristol Rovers on a free transfer from Fourth Division Torquay.

NEWPORT OUT

NEWPORT County, Welsh Cup winners in 1980, were knocked out in the fourth round by Cardiff.

Skipper Keith Oakes put Newport ahead, but Cardiff stormed back to reach the semi-finals with goals by Gary Stevens, Dave Bennett and Phil Dwyer.

Goddard returns

FOURTH Division Bournemouth have signed Newport striker Howard Goddard . . . five years after giving him a free transfer.

Howard has just recovered from a broken leg that kept him out of action for two years.



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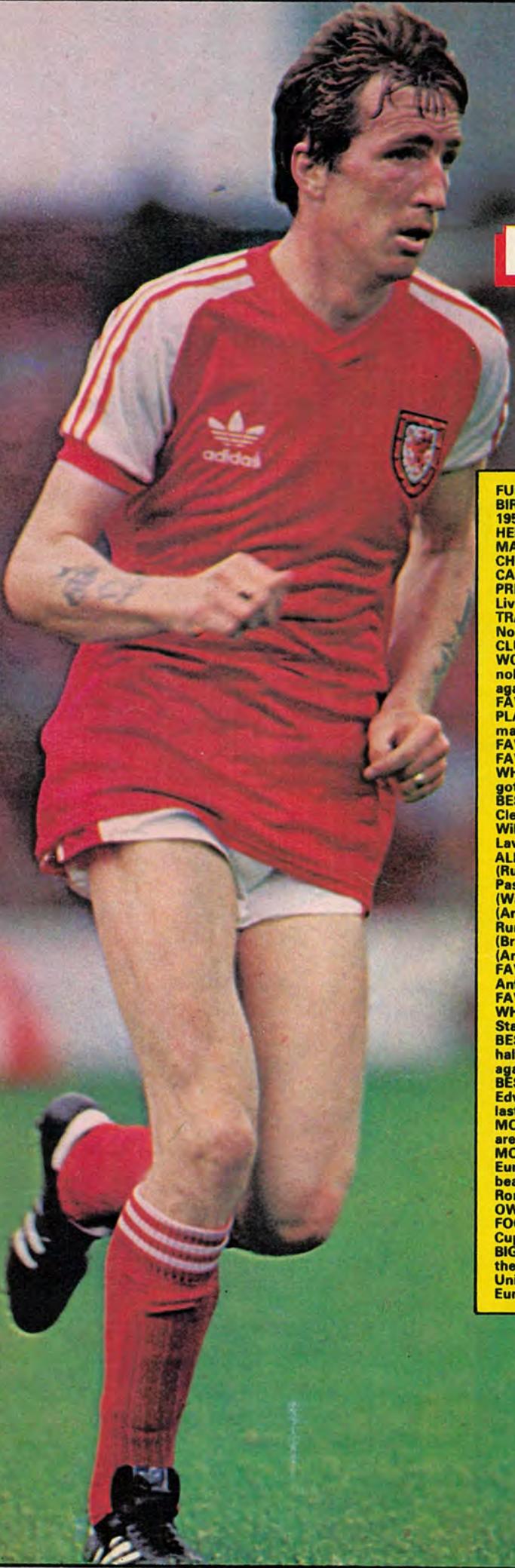
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WREXHAM and WALES



FULL NAME: Joseph Patrick Jones.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Bangor, March 4, 1955.

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft 0ins/11st 7lb.
MARRIED: Yes, to Janice.

CHILDREN: A son, Darren.

CAR: Datsun 180B.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Wrexham and Liverpool.

TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:

None.

CLUB NICKNAME: Haven't got one.

WORST EVER INJURY: A kick where nobody likes being kicked in a match against Charlton.

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish — makes it easy for his team mates.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Karl-Heinz Rummenigge — he's got everything.

BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Clemence, McGrain, Moore, England, Wilson, Ball, Baxter, R. Charlton, Best, Law, Dalglish.

ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Yashin (Russia), Kaltz (W. Germany), Passarella (Argentina), J Charles (Wales), Cabrini (Italy), Ardiles (Argentina), Netzer (W. Germany), Rummenigge (W. Germany), Pele (Brazil), Cruyff (Holland), Maradona (Argentina).

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:

Anfield.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Olympic Stadium, Rome.

BEST GOAL SCORED: I ran from the halfway line to score in an FA Cup tie against Carlisle.

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Ian Edwards for Wrexham against Derby last season.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: There are plenty of them.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:

European Cup Final when Liverpool beat Borussia Moenchengladbach in Rome in 1977.

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Winning the European Cup in Rome.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the FA Cup Final against Manchester United three days before the European Cup Final in 1977.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Boxing and fishing.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Being with my family and winning.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Losing, injuries and smoking.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Coronation Street.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Party Political Broadcasts.

FAVOURITE READING:

Autobiographies.

FAVOURITE POP STAR: I enjoy most music.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Cheese, bacon and onion.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager or Guinness.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: West Germany.

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: John Wayne and Bette Davis.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: The Warriors.

BEST FRIEND: I hope I have many.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My dad and John Neal.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Hooliganism.

SUPERSTITIONS: None.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Fish or steak.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 40 full Welsh caps, three Under 23 caps and seven youth caps.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To play in the First Division again.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play as long as I can.

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Don't know.

PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Simon Hunt and Gareth Davies.

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: The Pope.

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Enjoy what you're doing and always listen to advice.

